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New Bedford, Harbour.

December 18th Monday, A.D. 1848.

At 9 A.M. weighed anchor, set tops,
and main top[illegible]. Wind N.W.
and light: weather cloudy. At noon
discharged the pilot off Cuttyhunk
and stood out in company with
the Bark Grace, Cap. [illegible]
Bark Minerva [illegible]. Co. S.W.

Dec. 19th Tuesday. Light baffling winds
from N.W. [illegible]
with snow. At 2 p.m. Cuttyhunk
bore E.N.E. and Nomansland S.E. b E.
distant 10 miles. At 6 p.m. Cutty-
hunk N.N.E. 11 m. Gay Head E.N.E.
11 m. from which departure is taken.
Midnight wind N.W. Co. South.
A.M. one [illegible]
the Hope. [illegible]
[illegible] Co. S. [illegible] Chron. Lat. by Obs. [illegible]
Lon. by Chron. [illegible] calm.

Dec. 20th Wednesday [illegible]
the [illegible]
[illegible]
Middle part rainy. Latter fresh breezes
from the N.W. and cloudy. Co. S by E.
dis 100 miles. Lat. by double Alt. 38°53 N. Lon.
by Chron. 69° 32 W. Several [illegible]
in sight [illegible]

Ship Hector Onwards A.D. 1843.

Dec. 21st Thursday. Begins with
fresh gales from N.N.W. and
cloudy squally weather. At 6 p.m.
in mizen topsail main topgallant
sail and double reefed the topsails.
A.M. some moderated, turned
out the reefs and set topgallant
sails. Co. E.S.E. dis. 170 miles. Lat.
by Obs. 37°33 S. Lon. by Chr. 66°18 W.

Dec. 22nd Friday. Fresh gales from
N.N.W. and some squalls. in top-
gallant sails and reefed the topsails Mr. L.
Middle part rainy. latter moderate
from the western board; made sail.
Only two among the whole comp-
any sick. viz. the [illegible] and one of the men.
Employed all hands in setting up
rigging coiling lines &c. Co.
about East. dis. 135 m. Lat. by double
Alt. 37°37 S. Lon. by Ch. 63°25 W.

Dec. 23rd Sat. Begins with fresh baffl-
ing winds from the western board
and some squalls of rain. Busy
about the boats rigging &c. Middle
part fresh gales and squally. double
reefed fore & main; in mizen topsls.
9 A.M. wind shifted suddenly to the S.S.E.
strong. in fore tops. much rain.
No Obs. Co. East. Lat. by Acc. 37°37 S. Lon.
Ac. 60°48 W. by Ch since yesd. 60°28. dis. 140 m.

The Advisor W. Islands

A.D. 1865.

Dec. 24th Sunday. Commences
with strong gales from N.E.
and squally rainy weather.
Very rugged sea. Wind veered gradually
around to the S.W. A.M. fair
weather; turned out the reefs &c.
Very rough sea. Co. E b S. dis 50 m.
Lat. by double Alt. 37"22 N. Lon.
by Chr. 59"20 W. Var. 1 pt. W.

Dec. 25th Monday. Fresh breezes
from the westward and
cloudy squally weather. Set the
maintop gallant sail. Rugged Sea.
O the sharp pain, the poignant
sorrow I felt at the thought of
leaving home for another long
voyage. None know but those
who learn from experience.
Can I endure can I bare up against
all this? O Thou Great omnipotent,
Thou, boundless in power as in
Grace; thou who alone art able,
give me strength according to my
day; Heavenly Father, thou knowest
we are but "dust", make us to know
and do thy will here, that we may
sing halleluyah to Him who was
made to us wisdom, righteousness,
sanctification and redemption, throu
ghout one eternal day, [illegible].
A.M. fitting the boats. Co. East dis
170 m. Lat. 37"22 N. Lon. 55"48 W.

Hector towards, 1843.

Dec. 26th Tuesday. Fresh breezes from the west and squally. Employed the watch in coiling the lines & preparing the boats for whaling &c. Yesterday looked out aloft a little while: rain &c. A.M. fair. Soon coming on to blow. Co. Est. dis. 164 m. Lat. 37"33 S. Lon. 52"09 W.

Dec. 27th Wednes. Strong gales from the west and squally. 5 p.m. scudding under double reefed maintops. and foresail. Latter part moderated: turned out the reefs and set the maintopgallant sail. Weather continues squally. Starboard boat stove with a sea. Co. E.S.E. 200 miles. Lat. by double Alt. 36"23 S. Lon. by Chron. 48"40 W. by dis. 49"40 W.

Dec. 28th Thursday. Fresh gales from the N.W. and squally. Doing a little towards fitting boats. Set up maintopgallant and foretopmast backstays. Very squally single reefed fore and mizzen topsails. Middle part calm. Latter moderate breeze from the S.E. All hands employed in setting up rigging fore and aft. Broke out for oars davit falls &c. Co. E by S. dis. 92 m. Lat. 36.13 S. Lon 46.27 W. Lon. by lunar. 46"54 W.

The Western Islands.

1843
Dec. 29th Friday. This day begins with light wind from S.E. and fair. Obtained several lunar distances. Employed all hands on the rigging, boats &c. 6 p.m. wind freshening, in main top g. Middle and latter part fresh gales and squally. double reefed topsails; in mainsail and jib. Co. N.E. b E. dis. 147 miles. Lat. 37"29 N. Lon. by Ch. 43"53 Lun. 44"21 W.

Dec. 30th Sat. Fresh gales with rain from the S.W. turned out the reefs set main top g. Measured several distances. A.M. Set fore topmast studding sails and mizen top gallant sails. Broke out for fresh water. Co. made good E. N. dis. 120 miles. Lat. by double altitudes 37"40 N. Lon. by Ch. 41.02 W. by Lunar 41"30 W.

Dec. 31st Sunday. Moderate breezes from the south with rain. all sail out steering East. Middle and latter part the same. No Obs. Co. E.N.E. dis 120 miles. Lat. by Acc. 38"25 N. Lon. do. 38"41.

Ship Hector Towards 1844.

Jan. 1st Monday. Begins with fresh gales from the South and rainy weather. At 5 p.m. barometer stands 30.1 but weather looks rather wild: double reefed fore and aft. 8 p.m. very squally. in jib. and mainsail. Wind S.S.W. Set jib and mainsail at daylight. Continues squally through the day. No meridian observation. Indeed we have had but one since leaving home. Co. E.b.N. dis 165 miles. Lat. 38.43 N. Lon. 34.57 W.

Jan. 2d Tuesday. Fresh gales from S.S.W. and squally rainy weather. Steering S.E. under double reefs. Nothing seen or doing worthy of note. Middle and latter parts the same. Water making a clean breach across the deck. Co. E.b.S. dis. 173. Lat. by Obs. 38.02 N. Lon. 31.22 by Ch. Var. 2 pts Westerly.

Jan. 3d Wedns. Strong breezes from S.W. and hazy weather. Standing S.E. double reefs. S.S.W. and squally. Co. E.S.E.½E. dis 162 miles. Lat. 37.16 North. Lon. 27.54 W. Pico bears N.b.E. distant 56 miles.

The Azores. Off do.

1844. January 4th Thursday.

Begins with fresh gales from S.W. b. S. and squally weather. double reefed the topsails anew. Our patience is almost exhausted. I suppose it is all for the best for us to be beating about here, making but little southern and that little by hard contention with the elements; but it does not seem so really. Middle and latter parts the same. Co. E.S.E. dis. 185. Lat. 36.07 N. lon. by Chr. 26.48 W. Var. 2 pt W.

Jan. 5th Friday. Strong gales from the S.W. Under double reefs. Exchanged signals with a brig that was steering about E.N.E. In jib. Middle part rainy and baffling. Latter part moderate and fair from the west. Employed in breaking out for provision &c. Co. S.E. 1/4 E. dis. 188 m. Lat. 34.46 N. lon. 23.06 W.

Jan. 6th Sat. Light wind from the west, and clear. A ship off the lee beam. A.M. sail ahead. Very moderate. Wind to the north. Co. S. 1/4 E. dis. 75 m. Lat. 33.29 N. lon. 22.58 W.

Ship Hector Towards 1846

Jan. 7th Sunday. Light breezes from the north. Employed on the rigging. 4 p.m. put out the larboard and bow boats. Cleared up the decks as usual. Latter part nearly calm. Co. South dis. 45 miles. Lat. 32.44 N. Lon. 23.55 W.

Jan. 7th Monday. Light airs from the S.E. and fair. Middle and latter parts baffling with squalls from S. Easterly. Employed on the rigging and repairing the old boat. Co. S.S.W. ½ W. dis. 115 m. Lat. 31.27 N. Lon. 24.11 W.

Jan. 8th Tues. Light baffling wind from the S.E. and squally. Sent down main royal. Middle and latter parts the same. Making some jibs for the boats &c. Co. S.W. b S. dis. 117 m. Lat. 29.31 N. Lon. 25.25 W.

Jan. 9th Wednesday. Light baffling winds from the S.E. Steering by the wind to S.W. ⊕ took several lunar distances Sun and moon. Lon. 26.26 W. Co. S.W. b. S. dis. 85 m. Lat. 28.25 N. by obs. Lon. 26.07 Chron.

The Cape Verd Isles.

1844.

Jan. 11th Thurs. Light airs from the South and fair. Getting out the flying jib boom &c. Latter part much the same. Measured seventeen Lunar distances; longitude deduced therefrom and reduced to noon was 26"40 W. Lat. 27"38 N. Lon. by Chr. 26"34 W. Var. 1¼ pts W.

Jan. 12th Friday. Light breezes from the eastward and clear weather. All hands fitting ship making sail starting water &c. Set all three royals. Latter part rather more wind. Co. S¼ E. Dis. 132 m. Lat. 25"27 N. Lon. 26"29 W.

Jan. 13th Sat. Moderate breeze from the Eastward and cloudy. Saw a finback and tried to make a sperm whale of him. Employed on the rigging boats &c. Saw two sails steering to the South. Co. S¾ E. Dis. 172 miles. Lat. 22"36 N. Lon. 26"09 W. Var. 1¼ W.

The utter uselessness and vanity of the regret and sorrow that often falls to the lot of man in executing measures the most expedient is readily acknowledged by all. Yet stout hearted men indulge in painfull gloomy thoughts arising from the circumstances in which he is placed. It is far better to drive them from the mind; and not to be thus sensitive but more stoical. To this end "know thy self."

Hector Off The 1844

Jan. 14th Sunday. Fresh trades and cloudy. 4 p.m. cleared up and washed off. All sail set, steering S.b.W. wind East. A.M. took some dist; lon therefrom 26.15 W. Co. South dis. 178 m. Lat. 17.34 N. Lon. 26° 00 W.

Jan. 15th Monday. Begins with fresh trades from about East and fair. Hauled in the studding sa'ls and luffed to S.b.E. At 7 A.M. made the land St. Anthony bearing about S.E. distant by estimation 30 miles. At 10 lowered two boats for blackfish but did not strike. At noon off St. Anthony. Lat. 17.09 N. Lon. 25.35 W. Var. 1½ pt Westerly.

Jan. 16th Tuesday. Light wind from the westward and clear weather. Saw two finbacks one humpback and two shoals of porpoises. Latter part very moderate almost calm. Brava at noon. S.E. 30 mil. Lat. 15.13 N.

Jan. 17th Wednesday. Light airs from East to South. Standing towards Brava. At 4 p.m. lowered all the boats for exercise. 6 p.m. Brava bore S.E. dis 10 miles by estimation. A.M. lanched on the N.W. side

Cape Verd Islands.

1844

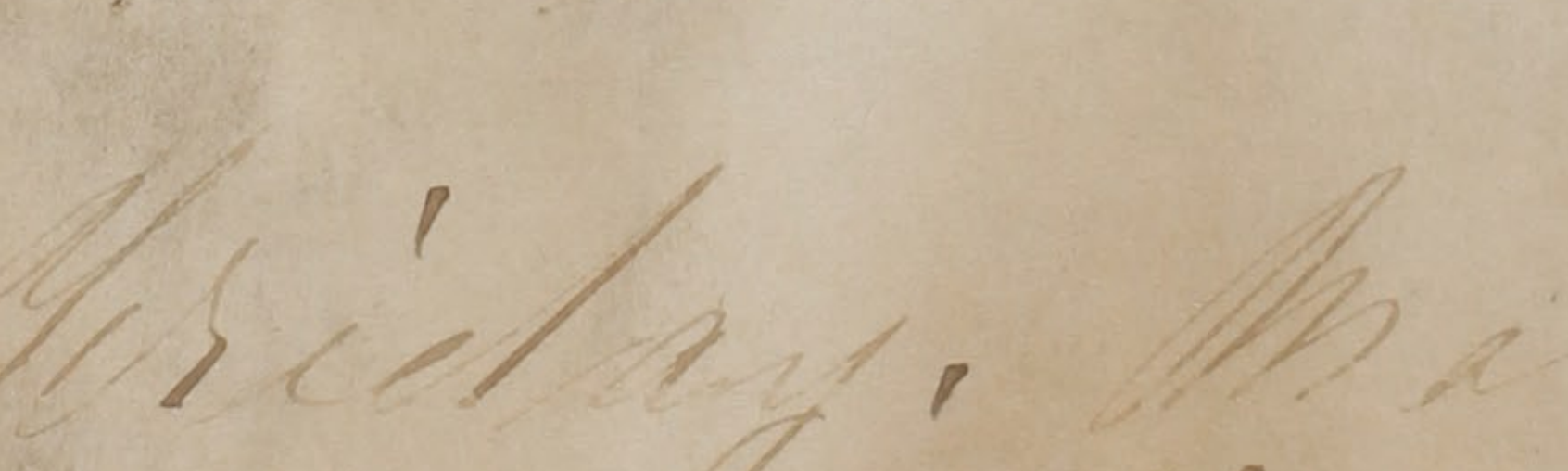
Off Brava with one boat: left letters and purchased a few grapes. At bore off do.

one month out. Jan. 18th Thursday. Light breeze from S.b.W. and very clear weather. At 2 P.M. boat returned from the Island. Made all sail to the S.W. Saw a shoal or two of porpoises. We have head winds even in the trades. It is probably for the best tho I must confess I cannot tell why.

"O let my trembling soul be still,
While darkness veils the sky;
And wait thy wise thy holy will,
Wrapt yet in mystery".

Tacked several times through the night. 8 A.M. raised a shoal of whales all scattered; lowered and caught one. Lat. about 14°35' N. Lon. 25.41 W. Brava just in sight.

one month out. Jan. 19th Friday. Making preparation for cutting in the whale. Weather fine light breeze from the Eastward. ~~A.M.~~ cut in the whale and braced full. Weather nearly calm. Lat. 14.20 N. Lon. 25.27 W. Fort point Westerly.



Hector Towards

1844

Jan. 20th Saturday. Begins with calm. Cleared away the head and commenced boiling. 4 p.m. light breese from the N.W. Standing to the westward by the wind. Latter part fresh trades and fair. Steering South. Co. S.W. dis. 60 miles. Lat. 13.36 N. Lon. 26.10 W.

Jan. 21st Sunday. This day begins with strong trade winds and fair weather. Steering South. Finished boiling and cooled off before dark. Started some fresh water. Latter part the same. People at leisure. Co. S b E. 1/4 E. dis. 130. Lat. 11.35 N. Lon. 25.37 W.

Jan. 22nd Monday. Fresh N.E. trades. All sail out. Steering S.S.E. Saw sail off the lee bow. P.M. took the potatoes on deck and found many of them rotten. Our sails are light and we try them [illegible]. Co. S.S.E. dis. 205 miles. Lat. 8.35 N. Lon. 24° W.

Jan. 23rd Begins with fresh trades. Steering S.S.E. all sail out. Latter part moderate. Employed on the rigging, making breast mats, line covers &c. Co. S.S.E. dis. 135 m. Lat. 6.29 N. Lon. 23.08 W. Var. 1 pt. W.

The Equator.

1844

Jan. 24th Wednesday. Begins light breezes and hazy weather. Steering S.b.E. Middle part raining with thunder. Wind from S.W. to S.S.E. and lightning. b.o.S. S.E. dis. [illegible] Lat. 5.4 N. lon. 22.23 W.

Jan. 25th Thursday. Light wind from the N.E. and cloudy weather. Exchanged signals with a bark that hoisted English colours. Took a lunar by measuring the distance between the moon and planet Venus. 2.48 N. The darkness of night is once more settled around and above us. All is cheerfulness on board; the merry laugh and, above all, the sweet strains of instrumental and vocal music declare. But to me all is not thus. My mind turns back to the place far away where repose comes. I see and my heart sinks; I see the fiery track of the ship as she moves slowly through the dark undulating element; but the very oceans roll between me and all for which I would live in this world of parting us. The ship is pointed south and is moving thitherward; the great southern cross, a sight of which, often has been pleasing and painful [illegible] at the same time; this evening reared its gigantic arms in full view.

Hector Towards 1844

Jan. 25th Latter part light airs from the eastward. Obtained several lunar dist. Lon. 22.40 W. Co. S.S.E. dis. 50 miles. Lat. D. 4.29 N. Lon. 22.15 W. Var. 1 point Wd.

Jan. 26th Begins with light airs from the eastward and fair. Boarded the Danish bark Orion, Capt. Matthiesen, 27 days from Buenos Ayres, bound to Falmouth England. Latter part calm. Co. S.b.E. dis. 80 miles. Lat. D. 3.17 N. 21.58 W.

Jan. 27th Sat. Begins with calm. Lon. by O.S. 22.33 W. by D.R. 22.11 W. Nothing seen worthy of note. Employed in doing various small jobs about the ship. Middle and latter part light breezes from the South. Co. E.b.S. dis. 50 m. Lat. [illegible] Lon. 21.33 W. by Lunar 21.48 W.

Jan. 28th Sun. Light breezes from the South and fair. 6 A.M. washed off decks. Lon. 6 A.M. by C. 21.07 W. Latter part much the same. Probably this is the trade wind thus far to the South. Two ships in sight one ahead the other astern. Co. S.E.¾S. dis. 130 miles. Lat. D. 2.45 N. Lon. 19.36 W. Var. 1 pt.

The Line. On Do.

Jan. 29th Mon. This day begins with moderate breezes and fair from the South. At 4 p.m. tacked to the west. One brig in sight to the S.E. Read some in Masons Self knowledge. He tells us to consider what we are, what we shall be, our relations to God, our fellow creatures &c. that we should possess ourselves of the knowledge, moderation, firmness, fortitude, integrity, and persevering energy in the performance of duties involving the apparent good or probable good of mankind. Our example should tend to the promotion of universal virtue.

Middle part calm. Latter fresh trades and fair. Co. S.W. b S. dis. 75 ms. Lat. 1.46 N. Lon. 20.10 W.

Jan. 30th Tuesday. Begins with fresh breezes S.E. and fair. Employed in fitting the starboard boat, making mast coat for the mizzen, buckets &c. A ship off the lee bow standing like ourselves by the wind to the S.W. At 4 P.M. signalized the ship to leeward, found her to be English.

Co. S.S.W. ½ W. dis. 150 miles. Lat. 0.25 S. Lon. 21.13 W.

At 6 A.M. crossed the line in Lon. at 21 W.

Hector. 1844

Jan. 31st Tues. Begins with light S.E. trades and fair. Steering to S.W. all sail out, the ship still in sight to leeward. Employed mostly about the rigging. Middle and latter parts squally. The ship went in sight off the lee quarter. Co. S.W. b S. dis. 140 miles. Lat. 2.16 S. Lon. 22.38 W. By lunar 22.58 W.

February 1st Thursday. Fresh trades and fair. The watches on the rigging, mechanics at their trades. Saw blackfish and cowfish. In the evening measured several lunar distances. Latter part moderate. Co. S.W. dis. 160 miles Lat. 4.20 S. Lon. 24.21 W. by lunar 24.23 W.

Feb. 2d Friday. Light trades and fair weather. Employed as usual nothing in sight. Middle and latter part fresh breezes. Co. S.W. b S. dis. 170 miles Lat. 6.36 S. Lon. 25.54 W. By lunar [illegible] W.

Feb. 3d Sat. Begins with fresh trades and fair weather. All sail set. Middle and latter part the same. Set the studding sail. Co. S.W. b S. dis. 173 miles. Lat. 9.0 S. Lon. 27.[illegible] W. Broke out for water &c. [illegible] the cheese into dry barrels, which were then put into casks with salt.

1844 Off Pernambuco.

Feb. 4th Sunday. Begins with light pleasant weather. Steering S W b S. all sail out. 4 p.m. washed off. Latter part people at leisure. Co. S.W.b.S. dis. 167 miles. Lat. 11.23 S. Lon. 29° W

Feb. 5th Monday. Begins with light trades. Nothing to be seen but Sea and sky. Reading Mason on Self Knowledge. We should obtain a knowledge of our large family of thought by a constant and close observation. Exclude those that are painfull trifling or unprofitable and retain those that give us rational pleasure, peace and profit. Drive the bad from the storehouse memory, but carefully preserve the good. Next in importance to a clear conscience and sound judgment, is a correct immagination; one that will draw a picture of things as they realy exist, and present it in the glowing colours of truth to the easy cognizance of our mental vision. Destroy not present happiness in the futile contemplation of future and perhaps unavoidable evils, which are often more in appearance than reality. Gloomy wakeful dreams at all times to be discarded. — Co. S.W. by S. dis. 195 miles. Lat. 14.10 S. Lon. 30.40 W.

Off Coast Brazil.

1844.

Feb. 6th Tuesday. Begins with fresh trades. All sail out. Employed in sundry small jobs about the ship. Saw one sail ahead. A.M. set the lower studding sail. Co. S.W. b S. dis. 150 miles Lat. 16-13 S. Lon. 32-11 W.

Feb. 7th Wedns. Light trades and fine weather. Stripped the mizzen stay, setting the new stays. Latter part wind more to east. Co. S.W. b S. dis. 130 miles Lat. 18-17 S Lon. 33-30 W. Var. ½ pt. W.

Feb. 8th Thursday. Begins with light breezes from the N.E. and fair. The watch employed as usual. All sail out. Latter part the same. Co. S.S.W. dis. 135 miles Lat. 20-04 S. Lon. 34-28 W. by Lunar 35-08 W.

Feb. 9th Friday. Light wind from the N.E. and fair. Set starboard foretop-mast and maintopgallant st.sails. Continues the same through the day. Co. S.S.W.½ W. dis. 110 miles, Lat. 21-38 S. Lon. 35-20 Ch. 36.03 Lunar W.

"High on a scroll inscribed on natures shrine,
Live in bright characters the words divine—
In all lifes changing scenes, to others do,
What you would wish by others done to you,
Winds wide over earth this sacred law convey,
Ye nations hear it! and let all obey!"

Hector Off Rio de Janeiro.

1844.

Feb. 10th Sat. Begins with light breezes from the N.E. and fair weather. All sail out. A.M. saw breaches hauled in studdingsails &c but nothing more. Co. S.S.W.½W. dis. 120 m. Lat. 23.16 S. Lon 36.24 W.

Feb. 11th Sun. Fresh breeze from N.b.E. and cloudy. Steering S.W. b. S. Carry royals through the night. A.M. raised a sail off the lee beam. Co. S.S.W.½ W. dis. 150 miles. Lat. 25.45 S. Lon. 38.00 W. Var. 0 found.

Feb. 12th Mon. Begins with light airs from the N.W. and fair. Signalized with the ship off our lee which from what we can discover is the Israel of N.B. this evening we have formed a temperance society on board. After hearing a short address upon the subject. the majority of the crew signed without hesitation. Latter part light airs. Co. S.S.W. dis. 73 miles. Lat. 26.58 S. Lon. 38.08 W. Var. 0.

"Give to the winds thy fears hope and be undismayed God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears, he shall lift up thy head. What tho thou rulest not yet heaven and earth and hell proclaim God sitteth on the throne and ruleth all things well." M.H.

Outward bound.

Feb. 13th Tues. Light breezes from the North and cloudy. The ship to leeward about in the same × place. Latter part wind to the west. Co. S.W. dis. 70 miles Lat. 28"01 S. Lon. 38"50 W. 39"47 by Luna.

Feb. 14th Wednes. Begins with moderate breezes from the westward and fair weather. The ship still keeps along with us, probably the Congress. Latter part from the south. Co. S.b.E. dis. 130. Lat. 29"59 S. 38"14 W.

Feb. 15th Thurs. Begins with light breeze from the south. Tacked to the west. Passed the above ship but could not read her name. Latter part fresh from the west. Co. S.b.E. dis. 40 miles. Lat. 30"38 S. Lon. 39"11 West.

Feb. 16th Friday. This day first part strong breeze from the S.W. and fair. Steering by the wind to the S.S.E. Single reefed the topsails. Middle and latter part nearly calm, with a heavy swell from the S.W. Co. S.b.E. dis. 50 miles. Lat. 31"30 S. Lon. 39"05 W.

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Hector Off River Plate.

1844 Feb. 17th Sat. Begins with light
airs from the South and east.
Set up the topmast backstays,
bobstays, topgallant backstays &c.
Latter part light from the North.
Set studdingsails &c. Co. W. b S. dis.
65 miles. Lat. 32-35 S. Lon. 40-13 W.

Feb. 18th Sun. Begins with fresh
breezes from the N.W. and fair,
but hazy. See breaches: proved to
2 mo be grampuses. 6 p.m. Strong breeze:
out. in studdingsails. Middle part
Two fresh gales and squally: shorten-
month ed sail considerably. Latter part
out. almost calm. Co. W. dis. 160.
Lat. 34-12 S. Lon. 41-13 W.

Diary of Events

Feb. 19th Mon. Begins with calm
cloudy weather. Middle and latter
parts fine breeze from the N.W. but hazy.
Co. S.W. b W. dis. 95. Lat. 35° S. Lon. 42-55 W.

Feb. 20th Tues. Begins with light wind
from W.N.W. and fair. 6 p.m. foggy:
wind veered gradually around to the S.E.
and died away calm. Latter part foggy. light
breeze from the N.W. Co. S.W. ½ W. dis.
92 miles. Lat. 35-59 S. Lon. 44-05 W. Var. 8° East.

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Off Laplata, Feb. 1844.

1844

Feb. 21st Wedns. Begins with a moderate breeze from N.N.W. and fair. Saw a ship steering to the N.E. 5 p.m. thick fog: wind increases. Middle part very squally. Latter part moderate with rain. Co. W.S. dis. 130 miles. Lat. 36.10 S. Lon. 46.50 W.

Feb. 22nd Thurs. Light breeze from N.W. and cloudy. Nothing seen worthy of note. At sunset double reefed and veered to the North. Quite moderate. Latter part calm. Co. W.N.W. dis. 65 m. Lat. 36.15 S. Lon. 46.06 W. by Lunar. 48.48.44 West. One sail.

Feb. 23rd Friday. Light breeze from the Eastward and fair. At sunset shortened sail for the night. Measured several dists. Lon. as above. A.M. saw large numbers of grampuses &c. Latter part strong breeze from N.N.W. and thick weather. No Obs. Lat. 35 S.

Feb. 24th Sat. Begins with squally weather. At Night hove too. Our expectations are not realised off Laplata. Latter part fine weather. See nothing worth seeing. a shoal of fish we called whales lowered for. L. 35 Lon. 47.52 W.

Off Laplata. Rio.

1864

Feb. 25th Sun. Fresh breeze from the S.E. and some squally. Saw grampuses and two sails. barks. Latter part light breeze from the east onboard. Saw a bark steering by the wind to the East probably a merchant man. Co. N.E. dis. 75 m.
Lat. 34.10 S. Lon. 47"50 W.
by lunars 48"20 West. Sun & Star.

Feb. 26th Mon. Light wind from the eastern board and fine weather. See grampuses; and that is all that has the appearance of whales. Latter part bending new sails Stowed the oil off deck. Co. W.S.W. dis. 55 m. Lat. 34"30 S. Lon. 48"27 W. by lunar. 48"57 W. Var. 1 pt. East.

Feb. 27th Tues. Begins with moderate breeze from the N.W. Passed a French bark. Finished bending sails. they were mainsail, maintopsail, main top gallantsail, fore sail and jib. Steering S.W. Middle and latter part very squally with much lightning thunder and rain. Hove to 4 A.M. made some sail. We are about discouraged off the river. Co. S.W. ½ S. dis. 120 miles. Lat. 35"55 S. Lon. 49-59 West
Wind from the South.

Hector towards

A. D. 1844

Feb. 28th Wedns. Begins with fresh gales from S.S.E. and a very rough Sea. [illegible] double reefs jib and mainsail in. 5 p.m. tacked to the W.S.W. Latter part calm, [illegible] the blacksmith at his forge. Co. W ½ S. dis. 60 miles. Lat. 35 . 58 S. Lon. 50 . 58 W. Lowered the boats for a [illegible] up,

Feb. 29th Thurs. Begins with calm. [illegible] the [illegible] cheese &c. Measured several lunar distances between the Moon and Planet Venus. Latter part calm Lat. 36 . 08 S. Lon. 50 . 40 W.

Feb. 30th Friday. Begins with calm. At 4 p.m. a moderate breeze from the N.W. At 7 p.m. spoke the [illegible] return from the Pacific. [illegible] 28 and 31 [illegible] whale. [illegible] kept away and made sail. Steering S.S.W. Capt. Taber cruises to [illegible] of St. Pauls in the Indian Ocean; off N. Zealand in lat. 33 to 35 S. Lon. 150 to 170 W. in Sept. Oct. and Nov. in 42 S. [illegible] in Feb. March & April. South of Chatham. On the N. W. latter part of April 50 to 55 N. 148 to 160 W. Spoke a few days since the Columbus [illegible] of N. H. [illegible] a whale along side and [illegible] him [illegible] days.

Cape Horn.

A.D. 1844

Feb. 1st Friday. Latter part fresh from the westward and squally. Co. S.W. b S. dis. 125 miles. Lat. 37"50 S. Lon. 52"00 W.

March 2d Sat. Begins with fresh gales from the South veering to the east and squally. Double reefed the topsails. Wore to the S.W. Latter part moderate and hauling back to the West. Out reefs. Co. S.W. dis. 70 m. Lat. 38"40 S. Lon. 53"32 W.

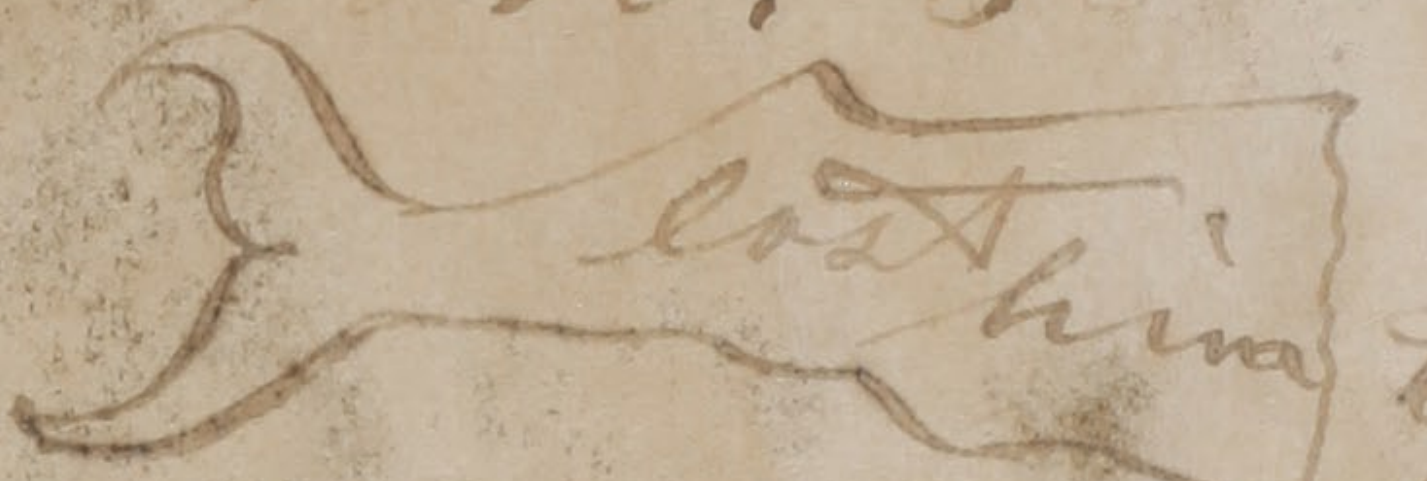
March 3d Sun. Begins with strong breeze from the S.W. in top-gallant sails and at 8 p.m. double reefed the topsails. Middle and latter parts hard gales and squally. Hove to under close reefed main topsail and fore sail. Wind S.W. Co. S.E. b S. dis. 70. Lat. 39"36 S. Lon. 52"47 W.

March 4th Mon. Strong gales from the S.W. 7 p.m. begins to moderate. Made some sail. Latter part all sail out. Spoke the ship Hope, boiling a large whale. Co. S.S.W. dis. 30 miles. Lat. 40"00 S. Lon. 52"50 W.

Hector Towards

1844

March 5th Tuesday. Begins with fresh gales from W.S.W. and fine. At ½ past two p.m. saw a large whale: lowered struck and killed him, 4 blowing strong and very rugged double reefed. parted from the whale in hauling him along side: tried to work the ship up again but could not gain to windward. so he is now 4 p.m. one mile or more off the weather beam. Short tacks through the night. Latter part moderate. Could not find the whale. Lat. 39" 56 S. Lon. 53" 19 W.



bad luck to him, may the sharks eat him.

March 6th Weds. Begins with light wind from the Westward. Saw a ship manoeuvring to leeward, kept off and spoke her: the Barclay, Grinnell of N.B. 3 m. clean. Latter part fresh breeze. Co. S.W. Dis. 165. Lat. 41" 52 S. Lon. 55" 28 W. 55" 26 by Lunar,

March 7th Thurs. Fresh gales from N.W. and fine weather. Saw great numbers of birds porpoises &c. Set the M.T.Ge. mast Std. sail. Took in the bow and waist boats. Latter part the same. Co. S.W.¾S. Dis. 230 miles. Lat. 44" 57 S. Lon. 59" 05 W. Var. 1 point East.

Cape Horn. Falkland I.

March 8th Friday. 1844 Fresh breeze from the N.W. and heavy weather. Latter calm. At 7 A.M. sounded found bottom at 80 fathoms. Co. S.W. b W. dis. 115 miles. Var. 1¾ E. Lat. 46"04 S. Lon. 61"15 W. Spoke the Joseph Meigs of Mattapoisett, Baker, 16 mo. 2700 whl.

March 9th Sat. Light breeze from the eastward. A ship to windward that resembles the Hope. Middle and latter parts light from the N.E. Co. S.W. b S. dis. 115 mils. Lat by obs. 47"40 S. Lon. 62"54 W.

March 10th Begins with light wind from E.d. Three ships in sight, outward bound. So we are not alone, even in these solitary seas. Latter part the same. Co. S.S.W. dis. 136. Lat. 49"50 S. 64"15 W.

March 11th Mon. Light breeze from the eastern board. Co. South dis. 170. Lat. 52"37 S. Lon. 64"19 W. Var. 2 pts E. Cape St. John S ¾ E. dis. 140 mils.

March 12th Tues. Light breeze from East and cloudy. Latter calm till 8 A.M.

Staten Land.

1844

March 13th Wedns. Begins with a fine breeze from the North veering to the W. Co. since yesterday S.b.E. dis. 100. Lat. to day 54"16 S. Lon. 63"29 W. Saw Statten Island, Cape St. John, bearing at noon. S.S.W. dis. 38 miles. At 4 p.m. passed the Cape. Saw sails, a ship and brig not far from us bound the same way. Saw Sp. whales, at 5 P.M. near the ship going quick to windward, [illegible] so small made no attempt to lower. Saw two right whales [illegible] the same way. Saw porpoises [illegible] 6 p.m. Cape St. John bore N.W. [illegible] Latter part light from the [illegible] Lat. by acc. weather thick. 55"53 S. Lon. [illegible] Cape Horn bears W¼S. 80 miles. Diego W.S.W. dis. 120 miles. Var. 2¼ East.

Ther. [illegible]° Bar. [illegible]56 in

March 14th Thurs. Begins with calm foggy weather. A ship ahead. Middle part fresh from the N.E. Latter South. Co. S.W. dis 100 miles. Lat. 56"55 S. Lon. 67"31 West. Var. 2¼ E. Cape Horn bears N¼E 53 m. Diego N.W. b W. 45 miles. Ther. A 37 M. 42°. Bar ris.

March 15th Friday. Fresh from the South: cloudy. At 6 a.m. saw Diego bearing N.b.W. 20 miles by [illegible] Saw [illegible] pass[illegible]. A.M. light. Lat. 57"15 S. Lon. 71"20 W.

Cape Horn. Diego.

March 18th Sat. Begins with light airs from the West. A Sail in sight. 6 p.m. breezing up from the W.S.W. All sail out. Latter part furl in topg. & sin-reefd. T. Gls. some rain. Cape Pillar, entrance to Magellan straits, bears N. b W. ½ W. 300 m. Co. S.W. b W. dis 90. Lat. 57"46 S. Lon. 72"30.

March 19th Sun. At 2 p.m. wind veered suddenly round to the South. Weather thick. Steering W. b. N. Var. 2¼ pts. E. Set M. T. G. S. over single reefed. T. Latter part light from the westward. An Eng. bark in sight. Co. N.W. b W. dis. 120. Lat. 56"38 S. Lon. 75"41 W.

March 18th Mon. Fresh gale from the N.W. Took in nearly all sail. Co. S.W. b S. dis. 50. Lat. by acc. 57"26 S. Lon. do. 70"46 W. [illegible]

three months out.

March 19th Tues. Hard gale from N.W. with rain. Co. S.W. b S. dis. 65. Lat. 58"18 S. Lon. 77"6 W. Ther. A. 40. W. 42. Bar. fell 0,7th.

March 20th Wedn. Baffling with rain. 8 p.m. light from N.E. Middle and latter from N.W. Co. W. S.W. dis. 10 m. Lat. 58"44 S. Lon. 79"55 W. Bar. 29,46.

Ship Hector Off

1844

March 21st Thurs. Begining with fresh gale from the Westd. Tacked to the North. Middle part moderate. I wish some of our learned disputants, would cease from puzzling about words and forms and empty daydreams of futurity, and bend their wisdom to the devising of some method whereby mind could be freed from despondency, while engaged in the arduous duties of life. Of what use is Millerism and many other barren speculative isms, to the many millions of minds immortal, now chained to earth by their dayly yea hourly toyl for a bare existance. Come ye bigoted self reputed wise; go with the lonely mariner and trace the unknown reagon of the seas, can your beautifull fancifull theories bring him good fortune or a fair wind? do you answer no? then teach him, in your great wisdom, to bear all unavoidable evils, with unyeilding fortitude. Do this and the sea will be better for your having lived thereon.

It is a matter of surprise to me that the Great Admiral of the solar fleet, should permit one of his ships called the Earth to sail manned by such a hypocritical, self devouring crew. Verily it would be nothing strange if He should soon order her into port and place her, for the future, on some empyrean ledge for a light boat. Latter calm. Course N.E. 75 m. Lat 57° 34 S. Lon. 78" 52 W. C. Pillar bears N.E. 300 miles. Var. 2 pts E.

Cape Horn Cape Pillar &c.

1844

March. 22nd Friday. This day
begins with light airs from West.
Middle part fresh from W. S.W. & S.W.
Latter from east light, cloudy. Co.
N.b.W.½W. dis. 130. Lat by O.A. 55 25 S.
Lon. 77 54 W. C. Pillar N.E. 220 miles.

March. 23rd Sat. Begins light from
the eastward; Latter fresh from N.W.
Co. S.W. dis. 40. Lat. 55° S. Lon. 80 42 W.
C. Pillar northeast by east, two hundred & forty.

March 24th Sun. Strong gales and
squally with rain from the North, double
reef'd mainsail and jib, Co. W.b.S.
dis. 60. Lat. 55 15 S. Lon. 82 30 W.

March 25th Mon. Fresh gales from
the N.W. and heavy sea. Latter rain
wet and thick and obs. Co E.b.N. 75 miles.
Lat. by double alt. 54 56 S. Lon. 80 29 W.

March 26th Tues. Light airs & fair, West.
Middle and latter fresh gales from the North,
Co. E.b.S. E. 80. Lat. 54 25 S. Lon. 78 30 W.
Cape Pillar N.E. b E. one hundred & fifty.

March 27th Wednes. Hard gales from
N.W. hove to under close reef'd mn.
tops. spencers &c. Much rain before
noon with frequent lulls. A.M. wind
west set close reef'd tops. & reef'd courses.
Co. S.E. dis 10. Lat. 54 28 S. Lon. 78 20 W.

Ship Hector Off Magal-

1844.

March 28th Thurs. Fresh gales from W.N.W. to west and squalls of hail rain &c. Under close reefs. Very heavy swell. Gales from the north and west almost constantly. Took several splices in the article of patience, which is now run out to the bitter end. Hope travels through, nor quits us when we die!! A.M. hard gale from west and squally hove to. Co. N.b.E.½E. dis. 80. Lat. 53-1 S. Lon 77°40 W. C. Pillar. E.b.N. 100 miles.

March 29th Friday. Moderating set the topsails close reefed and reefed courses. Latter part hard gale from the S.W. hove to under close reef Mn. Tops. Co. N.b.E.½E. dis. 20. Lat. 53 S. Lon. 77 50 W. Bar. 28.6.

March 30th Sat. Hard gale from W.N.W. Tremendous Sea, the hardest gale that we have experienced for 5 years. O that I may be perfectly reconciled to the will of omnipresent God. We the worthless recipient of so many mercies, what business to repine. Latter gale some abated. Lat. 52-30 S. Lon. 76-43 W. C. Pillar. N.E.b.E.½E. 60 miles.

March 31st Sun. Fresh gale from W.S.W. veering to the S. At 3 p.m. wore ship set close reefed tops. & reefed courses. Very squally; hail. Latter part fresh from the S.W. Co. N.W. dis. 105. Lat. 52-15 S. Lon. 78-40 W. Cape St Lucia E.N.E. 120 miles.

lan Straits. West End.

April 1st) Mon. 1844. Begins with a fine breeze from the westward and cloudy squally weather. We have been 19 days off the Cape. For 9 days gales almost constant from N. W. & West. Made during that time by hard beating 200 miles on a N. b. E. course. It has been a very serious time, but God knows what is best. It is indeed wonderfull how things will work together in his hands for good. Latter part fresh gale. double reefs. Co. N. b. W. dis. 120. Lat. 49.48 S. Lon. 79.10 W.

April 2d. Hard gales and squally from West. hove to at night under very short sail. Latter part moderate from S. W. made all sail and set Studdingsails below and aloft, which is, with us, quite a novelty. Co. N. b. W. 115 miles. Lat. 47.57 S. Lon. 79.10 W. Cape Tres Montes bears E. b. N. 170 miles by Ch.

April 3d Wedns. Fine breeze from the S. W. Latter moderate from West. Co. N. b. W. dis. 140. Lat. 45.40 S. Lon. 80.10 W.

April 4th. Thurs. Fresh from N. W. See finbacks and humpbacks, the first we have seen in the Pacific. Middle and latter part strong with rain. Co. N. E. b. N. 120. Lat. by acc. 44.07 S 78.40 W.

Hector off St. Carlos, &c.

April 5th Friday. Gale from W. N.W. with rain in mainsail & jib. Latter part moderate set the T.G. & fly jib. Co. N by E. 3/4 E. dis. 95 m. Lat. by Obs. 42.36 S. Lon. 77.50 W. Var. 1 3/4 W.

April 6th Sat. Moderate weather wind from W. S.W. with some rain. Island Huafo bears S.E.b.E. 150 miles by Ch. Middle calm. Latter light from S.E. with rain. Co. North. dis. 80. Lat. 41.10 S. Lon. 77.52 W.

April 7th Sun. Fresh gale from W. & N.W. tacked to the North; double reefs. Latter fine made all sail. Co. North. dis. 130. Lat. 39.10 S. Lon. 78.05 W. Var. 1 1/2 W.

April 8th Mon. Light from the west and fair. Co. North. dis. 104 m. Lat. 37.26 S. Lon. 77.40 by Lunar. Put the boat out and disposed of the sport, &c. Juan bears N.b.W. 220 m.

April 9th Tues. Light from the westernboard and fine weather, all sail out. A.M. see humpbacks. Co. North. dis. 105. Lat. 35.42. Lon. 77.30 W.

April 10th Wedns. Light breeze from the west. See great numbers of blackfish. Latter part wind veered to the South. Co. N.W. dis. 80. Lat. 34.43 S. Lon. 78.50 W. At Noon 55 m. S of Juan.

Juan, Maſsafuero.

April 11th Thurs. Light from the South. See porpoises. Very fine weather but no whales. At day light, saw Maſsafuero bearing North. dis 42 miles. Lat. 34"25 S. Lon. 81"10 W. A sail off the lee.

April 12th Frid. Moderate from the South. At 2 p.m. saw whales and lowered without succeſs. the Ship Eliza Adams in company 22 mo 1800. caught one. A.M. Stood off to the N.E. Saw the land & two ships.

April 13th Fresh breeze from the South East. Off to west of Maſsafuero. at 6 p.m. double reefd. A.M. saw three ships one boiling. Isl. N.E. 100 m

April 14th Sun. Fresh from S.E. at dark shortened sail. A.M. kept off to the North. At noon Maſsafuero E.N.E. 110 miles. Lat. 34"36 S. 82"40 W.

April 15th Mon. Light breese from S.E. at night hove to. Latter part the same. Lat. 33"56 S Lon. 83"09 W.

April 16th Light wind from the South. Spoke the Com. Morris Downs 2 mo 1200. A.M. run off to the North,

April 17th Fresh from the S.E. Steering to the N.E. Lat. 32"11 S Lon. 81"53 W.

Off Maſsafuero.

four months out.

April 18th Thursday, Light from the S. E. at night in bag; Saw squid. A. M. blackfish & porpoises. Co S.S.W. Lat. 32.37 S. Lon. 82.09. Var. 11 pts. East.

April 19th Friday. Light & baffling. Caught two blackfish. At night double reefed. A. M. bent the old sails. Lat. 33.13 S. Maſsafuero. S. E. b E. 65 miles.

April 20th Sat. Light from the West. Finished bending the sails and stowed off the sail room. Latter part squally. Saw Maſsafuero bear. E. dis. 40 miles.

April. 21st Fresh from S. E. and squally, two sails to leeward. Maſsafuero East 30 miles. One sail to leeward.

April 22d Mon. Fresh breeze from E S E and fine weather, 6 p. m. Isl. N. E. Latter part calm. Land in sight.

April 23d Tues. Light from the S. W. Spoke the comodore morris. Latter fine from the S. W. Isl. in sight.

Apl. 24th Fresh from the S. W. Spoke the C. Morris, at 5 p. m. Latter part hard gales and squally from the S. W.

Apr. 25th Thurs. At 6 p. m. Maſs. S. E. 5 m. Gale abated made sail. 32.21 S 80.3 W

Off St. Felix.

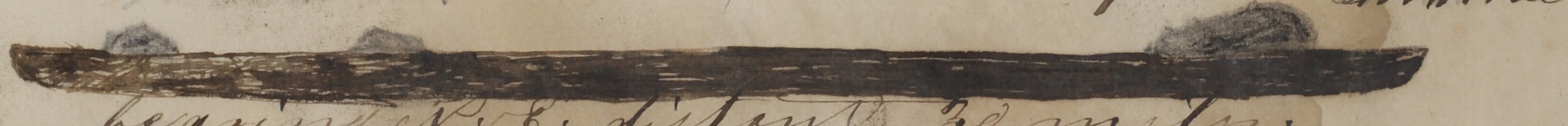
April 26th Friday. Light breeze from the South and fair. Employed in sheathing the deck. 30.40 S.

April 27th Sat. Moderate from the S.E. Steering to the North. Co. N. b. W. Di. 130. Lat. 28.36 S. Lon. 80.39 W.

Apr. 28th Sun. Light from S.E. A.M. Saw the land Islands of St Felise and St Ambrose. At noon bearing E b N 30 miles.

Apr. 29th Fresh trades and fair. At dark shortened sail off the above Ids. Latter light.

April. 30th Fresh from the S.E. Went in with two boats and caught some fish. At night St Ambrose. E S E 17 miles



bearing N.E. distant 30 miles.

Latter part light. Lat. 25.40 S. Lon. 80° W.

May 1st Wedns. Light trades and fine weather. Lat. 25.53.

May 2d Thurs. Fresh trades S.E. Saw blackfish. Lat. 24.11 S. 81.44 W.

May 3d Friday Fresh trades. Saw blackfish. Lat. 22.40 S. Lon. 80 W.

Ship Hector Running down 1844

May 4th Sat. Fresh from the S.E. and squally. Some rain. Latter part very moderate, Co. N. E. 120 m. Lat. 21"10 S. Lon. 78"48 W.

May 5th Sun. Light trades and cloudy, Co. N.E. 120. Lat. 19"43 S 76"54 W.

May 6th Mon. Fine moderate weather. Saw blackfish caught two Lat. 18"12 S.

May 7th Tues. Moderate cloudy weather. Co. N. N. E. dis. 53. Lat. 17"25 S. Lon. 76"09 W.

May 8th Weds. Moderate trades. Cloudy. Co. W. N. W. dis. 90. Lat. 16"40 S. Lon. 77"30 W.

May 9th Thurs. Weather fair all hands employed on the rigging. Repaired the M. Tops. Co. W. b N. dis. 145. Lat. 16"10 S Lon. 80° W.

May 10th Friday. Fresh trades. All hands on the rigging. Lat. 15 S. Lon. 79"56 W.

May 11th Sat. Rattling Rigging &c. Co. North 121 m. Lat. 12"49. Lon. 79"40 W.

May 12th Sun. At dark shortened sail and luffed to. Whether we shall get any thing here is known only to him Who "holds the sea in the hollow of his". I do hope to see whales soon, we have not taken a drop since leaving the C. Verds. It seems a long time.

the Coast. Off Callao.

May 13th Mon. Fresh trades and fair. At night double reef'd and hauled to the south. A.M. passed a ship. Lat. 12.04 S.

May 14th Tues. Light trades. Passed a topsail schooner.

May 15th Fresh breeze and cloudy. Painted the old boat. Lat 12.08 Lon. 85 W.

May 16th Fresh trades and squally. A.M. washing ship. 11.38 S. 84.15 W.

May 17th Friday. Continues strong and squally. Standing to the east. Employed in painting ship inside. 10½ S.

five months out.

May 18th Sat. Light cloudy weather. Finished painting above decks. Lat. 9.46 S.

May 19th Sun. Light trades. Latter the same. Lat. 8.56 S. Lon. 80.45 W.

May 20th Mon. Took the the land breese at 5 p.m. and tacked to the south. Latter light. Lat. 9.13 S.

May 21st Tues. Cleaning and whitewashing. Lat. 10.07 S. Lon 81.10 W.

May 22d Wedns. Moderate trades and thick cloudy weather. Latter fair. Lat. 9.30 S 80 W.

Port of Santo.

1844

May. 23d Thurs. Fresh trades. Steering to the East. 6 p. m. 9" 20 S. 79" 30 W. At day light made the land dis. 15 m. Lat. 9" 00 S. At. 12 meridian came to anchor in the harbour of Santo with South Cliff bearing S.W. 3/4 m. Island off the harbour. N.W. b W. Went onshore &c. Cleaning Ship.

Friday 24th. Fresh breese latter part of the latter part of the day Calm nightts. Took off a Small raft water.

Sat. 25th Took onboard two rafts of water some potatoes and painted a little.

Sun 26th Starboard watch on liberty.

May 27th Mon. Painting. Traded a little.

May 28th Tuesday. Took of 20 bbls. potatoes
May 29th Wednesday. Some potatoes &c.
May 30th Thurs. Many people onboard. finishd Stowing the water, rec. 900 oranges.

May, 31st Friday, Took onboard some potatoes, 5 sheep, 5 hogs, 100 oranges 3/4 beef, and some grass. So Ends.

May 32d Sat. At 7 p.m. got under way and stood out to Sea. Abert Abbot and Thomas Kean have absconded. Jas. McLean from shore has shiped for the voyage, or till he can do better. Lat 8" 50 South. Lon 80" 36 W.

Towards Payta

June 2d. Sunday. Light trades and fine weather. Stowing the chains. Lat. 8..09 S. Lon. 81..08 W.

June 3d. Mon. Light trades and fine weather. A.M. Stowed the Starboard Anchor. Painting the Larboard boat. Lat. 6..39 S. 82..07 W.

June 4th. Tues. Fresh trades. Steering N. b. E. for Payta Head dis 70 at 6 p.m. At daylight land within 10 miles. At 9h lowered the boat and went on shore. Discharged Joseph L Osborn; shipped James Mc Lean and returned on board at 2 p.m. Corinthian, 200.

June 5th Wednesday, Squared away at 2 p.m. for a cruise. Heard of the death of Holmes Jernegan: he died in Piuro March 7th 1843. "And strangers the last sad rites performed." He left C. W. Morgan. A.M. Coopered some 31 bbls beef. Painting inside boats. Cloudy No Obs. Nothing seen;

June 6th Thurs. Fresh trades. Steering to the N.W. Employed in coopering the salt provision. 3..40 S. 83..19 W.

June 7th Friday. Light trades and cloudy weather. See great numbers of porpoises & blackfish. Lat. 2..55 S. 84 W.

Towards the Gallepagos

June 8th Sat. Begins with light airs. At 5 p.m. saw sperm whales without success. Stood to the eastward all night, as the whales were going that way, tacked at sunrise but see nothing. Lat. 2.36 S. Lon 83.58 W.

June 9th Sun. Light trades. Standing to the West. Finished coopering the provisions and knocked off at 4 p.m. It has been said by some popular writer, that each day at sea would afford something of interest, if the logbook was written in language, graphic language of observation and capacity. Now we do not pretend to guess what it is, that in his mind, would constitute interest; but it does verily seem to us that he will more easily write interest while on shore than feel it when far at sea. Lat. 3.03 S. Lon. 85.45 W. Var. 9 E.

June 10th Sun. Monday. Light trades and pleasant weather, steering to the West. A.M. saw a sail to leeward. Painted the bow boat.

June 11th Tues. Moderate trades. At 4 P.M. sold at auction part of the clothing &c left by those who ran away. Nothing seen worthy of note. Lat. 3.07 S. Lon. 88.55 W. Latter part some rain

Off Charles Island.

June 12th Wednes. Light trades and fine weather, Another small auction. Read a letter sent by Julia to Albert but without actually breaking the seal. Lat. 2"18 S. Lon. 87"15 W.

June 13th Thursday, Almost Calm. See porpoises. Sold the last of A. Abbott's goods & chattles at auction. See the land Gardners Island bearing N W 30. At Noon. Lat. 2"03 South.

June 14th Friday. Saw whales lowered and caught one. A Ship in sight to leeward. A.M. cut in the whale before breakfast. Lat. 2"09 S. At Noon Charles Island North. 40 miles

June 15th Sat. Two ships and Islands in sight. some grampuses. Boiled out the whale. At Noon off Gardners Island. three ships in sight.

June 16th Sun. Moderate trades, Latter Calm. Between Hoods and Chas I.

June 17th Mon. Begins with light trades. A.M. touched at Charles Island. Geo Porter there.

June 18th Tues. Light trades and fair. Between Chat. Island and S. Head.

Off The Gallapagos. Islands.
1844

June 19th Wednes. Very light airs from the South: lowered for blackfish. See a bark supposed to be the Roscius stand-ing in for S. Head: probably he has boats onshore for terrapin. At sunset short-ened sail but continue running off. Latter light airs. Received a boat from the Roscius: he has 17 men onshore have been there since Monday. Off S. Head.

June 20th Thurs. Light breezes. In company with the Roscius. Her boats came of with all the men. See blackfish.

June 21st Friday Fresh trades. Left the above named bark. Off [illegible].

June 22d Sat. Went in to the rock, and caught a few fish. Lat. 0.19 South, North Head SSE 3/4 E. dis 40 miles.

June 23d Sun. Light breeze start-ing to the West. At 4 p.m. worked off as usual Albemarl still in sight. Latter part calm. Lat. 0.57 S.

June 24th Mon. Saw a large whale at 4 p.m. and lowered without success. He was going quick to windward. Latter part fine breeze from the SSE. See porpoises. Lat. 1.01 South.

Off Shore.

1844

June 25th Tues. Light breese from S.S.E to E.S.E. Lowered for blackfish.

June 26th Wedns. Lat. 0"25 N 94 W. Light from the S.E. Painted the boats inside. Lat. 0"18 North.

June 27th Thurs. Moderate from the S.E. Standing by the wind to the South. Strong current N.W. Dily I mourn; the time passes but we are no nearer home as it respects a voyage. There is one dear object in my minds eye that keeps my drooping spirits up otherways I should certainly succumb to miss fortune.

June 28th Friday. Light trades getting up a turning lathe more for amusement than any thing else. Got the turning lathe a going.

June 29th Sat. Moderate trades. Nothing seen worthy of note. 107 W.

June 30th Sun. Fine breeze steered W,S.W. till dark, then luffed to 3° S.

July 1st begins with squally weather: at sunset single reefed. Lat. 4.40 S. Lon. 99"27.

June 2d Tues. At night hove to. A.M. Strong breeze and rugged. Lat. 5-45. Lon. 100° W.

Off Shore.

July 3d Wedns. Strong trades see one finback. At night hove to. A.M. saw three whales: lowered caught nothing. Lat. 6.20 S. Lon 100.39 W.

July 4th Thurs. Squally whales gone out of sight to windward. hove to through the night. 6.38 S 101 W.

July 5th Friday. Strong trades. the state of durance and dubiousness to which we are almost constantly reduced is indeed hard to be born. It is quite absurd nay perfectly rediculous for whalemen to talk of merit rewarded or a mans being the architect of his own fortune. The semi idiot knows as well which way to look for a whale as would a Newton or Socrates. Tis cruelty, this forced sojourn with unrelenting doubt. Archimedes could not move the world for want of a foot hold and side. Now with us for the same reason uncertainty is stamped upon the future. We have nowhere to stand my dear but upon old carcasses, which are useless here tho they might be of much utility on a potatoe patch. Nolens volens we must at present bide the consequences of a collission with destiny. A.M. veered to the North Repairing some old Sails. Lat 6.44 S. Lon. 101.54. W.

Off Shore.

July 6th Sat. At 3 p.m. Raised whales. 7 in all. two went to windward. 5 to leeward Struck one and saved him. Got three boats stove not bad.
A.M. cut him in

At Noon. Lat 6 South. 102"30 W.

July 7th Sun. Saw whales again at 4 p.m. all going to windward. Latter moderate. Lat. 5"30 S. 101"45 W.

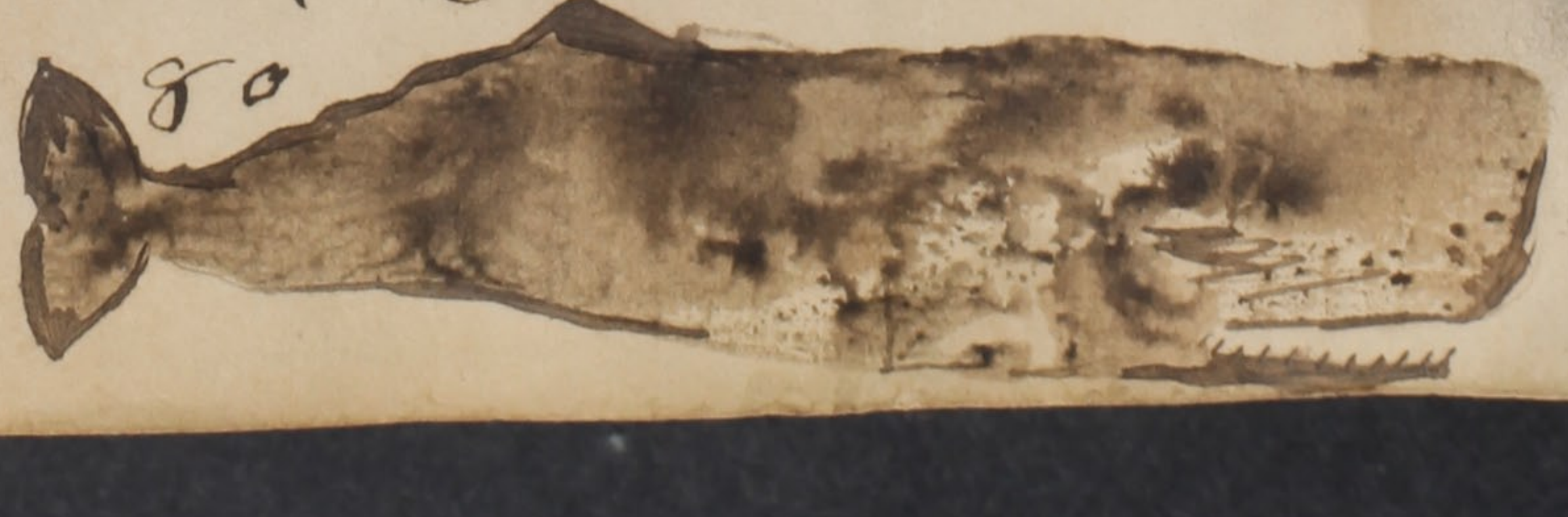
July 8th Mon. Moderate fine weather. Saw whales first night. Continue boiling. Whales in the morning & 2 ships.

July 9th Tues. Fine weather but wretched whaling. gone to windward. Two ships in sight. 6"02 S. 102"09 W.

July 10th Wedns. Weather begins to be some squally. Spoke the bark Roscius. At night saw breaches.

July 11th Thurs. Rugged. Repairing the boats. At 7 A.M. saw whales and caught one. Lat. 5"21 S 102 W.

July 12th Friday. Strong trades. Cut in the body. Was boarded by a boat from the Jno Coggshall. Macy N. Port. 8 mos 340. A.M. cut in the head and boiled the Case. Lat. 5"20 S.



Ship Hector Cruising

July 12th Sat. Strong trades standing to the N.E. under double reefs. Boiling. At 2 A.M. Chas. Plummer, one of the boatsteerers, fell overboard, It was quite dark. A boat was immediately lowered and soon succeeded in rescuing him from a watery grave. He swam and cried out lustily, which were the means, in God's hands, of saving his life. Had he kept silent we could never have found him on account of the darkness. Mr Norton was severely bruised while in the boat, under the ship's counter, He fell senseless in an epileptic fit, soon after coming on board, recovered, but remained for several hours in a state of delirium. 4"21 S. 102 W.

July 14th Sun. Strong trades and squally. Continue boiling. Mr N. is some better. I thought of the saying, "Seldom one trouble comes alone." We were standing by the capstan engaged in conversation upon what had just happened, when all at once he fell apparantly lifeless at my feet. The excitement produced by the cry, "man overboard!" prevented him from being sensible at the time, of the blow he received under the counter. At 2 A.M. tacked to the South. Squally.

Lat 4"23 S 101"30 W.

Off Shore.

July 15th Mon. Fresh trades Standing to the South. At 7 p m finished boiling. At M commenced breaking out. 4"40 South.

July 16th Tues. Squally. Stowing down. Saw a ship to leeward steering to the N.E. Saw a bark to windward. 7° South.

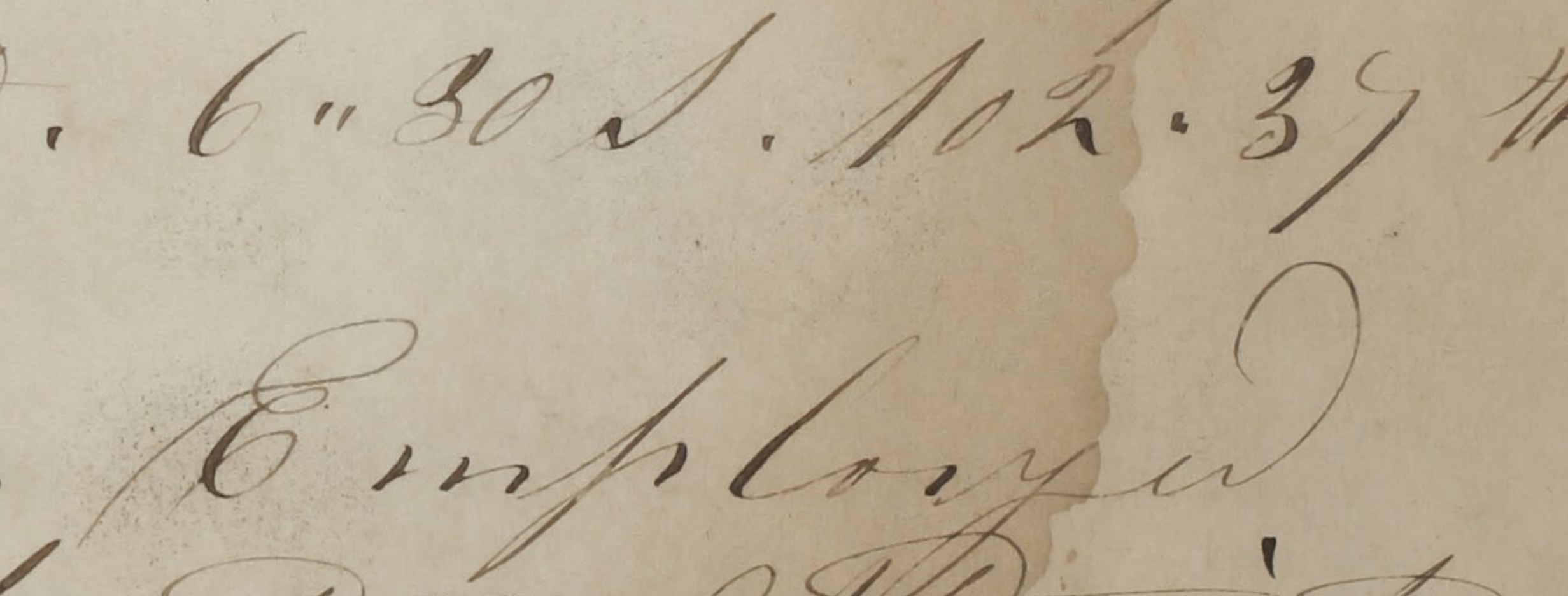
July 17th Wedns. Fresh trades finished stowing the oil. At dark veered to the N.E. Lat. 6"49 South.

July 18th Thurs. Finished stowing and washed off. Lat. 6"30 S. 102"37 W.

July 19th Friday. Employed in repairing a boat. At night shortened sail and veered to the N.E. Latter moderate and squally. 6"21 S.

July 20th Sat. Nothing seen worthy of note. Repairing the starboard boat.

July 21st Sun. Weather some better. Raised whales at 3 p.m. lowered and caught one. Lat. 5"30 S. Lon 101"44



A.M. commenced cutting. Weather very rugged.

July 22d Weather extremely boistrous. Got the body in but must lay by the head.

Ship Hector 1844

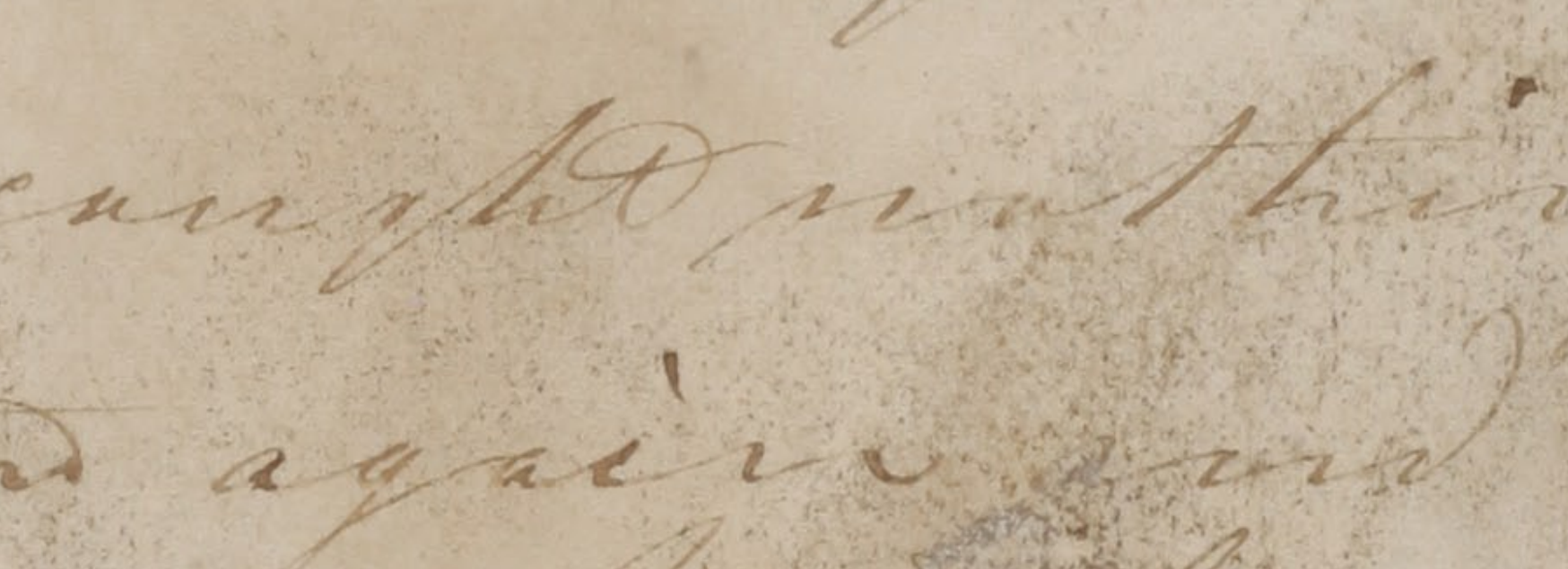
July 23d Tues. Fresh trades & squally. Standing to the N.E. boiling. 1 A.M. P.M. veered to the South. Latter moderate. Lat. 4"28 S. 102 W.

July 24th Wedns. Moderate but squally, Standing to the South, Some of the seas are as heavy here as off Cape Horn. Plenty of dolphin hereabouts. Latter Cooled down and washed off. 5-48 S. 102"55 W.

July 25th Thurs. Standing to the N.E. at night single reefed. A.M. veered to the South. Lat. 5"23 S. Lon. 102"30 W.

July 26th Friday. Moderate for the season. At 5 p.m. lowered for whales going to windward; caught nothing. After breakfast raised them again and caught one before Noon. No obs.

July 27th Sat. Fine weather. Two ships in sight chasing whales. At 4 p.m. commenced cutting



60. & all in but his head. Lon. 5"26 102"34

July 28th Sun. Fine weather. At 4 p.m. veered to the N.E. under topsails. A.M. saw a bark cutting supposed to be the Roscius. Lat. 5"33 S. Lon. 104"

July 29th Mon. Continue boiling.

Off Shore.

1844

A.M. tacked to the N.E. finished boiling, and commenced breaking out in the mainhatchway. 6"24 S.

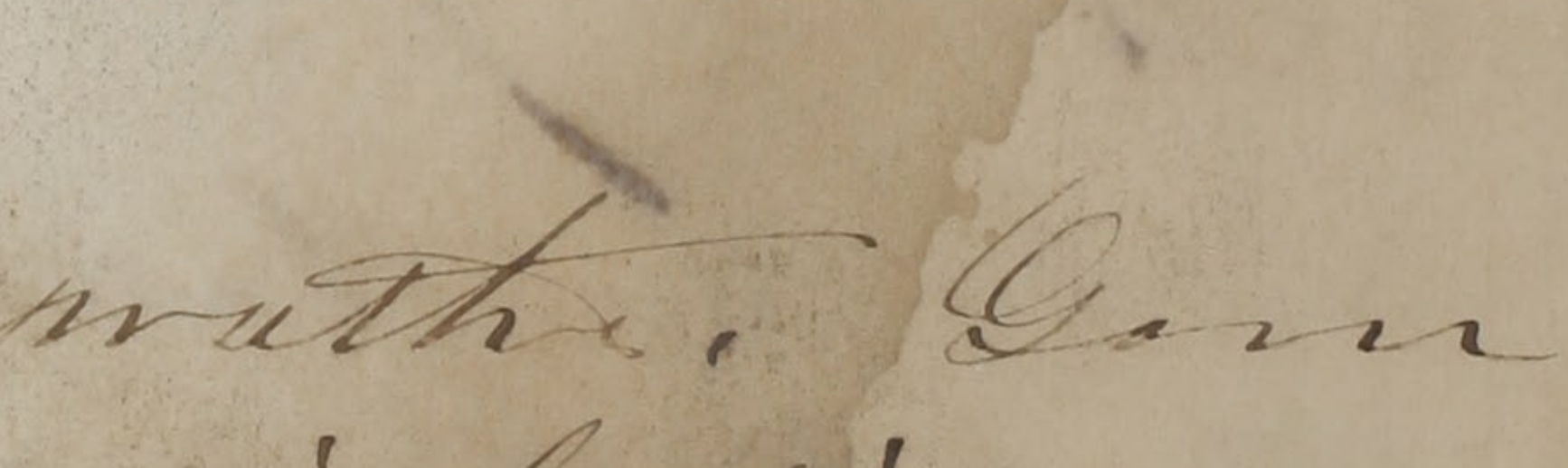
July. 30th Mon. Stowing down: filled the ground. Saw white water a head and made some sail; nothing more. Middle & latter parts very squally.

July. 31st Tues. Finished stowing down, Standing to the N.E. under single reefs. At daylight veered to the S. Lat. 4"42 S. 101 W.

Aug. 1st Wedns. Standing to the S. under single reefs. Spoke the Shp. Callao. Norton soon for home 6"00 S.

Aug. 2nd Friday. Fine weather. Gamming with the Callao; had a social time, broke up at 10 p.m. At day light saw a whale ahead apparently going to leeward but really going windward. Weather dark: lowered nothing. 5"45 S 102 W.

Aug. 3rd Sat. Fine weather. Saw a Ship to the N.E. whaling. It being entirely out of our power to catch a whale we took up the boats and got dinner. See nothing more till 7 A.M. when we saw



breaches and kept off for them. Saw a ship (the Iris, 350 bbls.) standing towards us. Struck at ½ past 11 killed him and chased on in company with the Iris.

Ship Hector. Off Shore.

1843.

Aug. 4th Sun. Took the whale in to N. Took the boats up at 5 p.m. Concluded not to cut tonight but toe to the N.E. A.M. Cut in the whale and begun to boil. Lat. 5"54 S. Lon. 102"59 W.

Aug. 5th Mon. Boiling. A Sail in sight to windward. Standing to the N.E. A.M. three ships to windward. Continue boiling. Lat. 5"33 S. 101½ W.

Aug. 6th Tues. Boiling. Spoke Sh John Coggshall of Nt Port. Seen nothing for three weeks. A.M. washed off. Standing to the South. Lat. 6"24 S. 102 16

Aug. 7th Wedns. Strong trades. See Scrags. Took double reefs and wore to the N.E. 11 A.M. Saw a whale

Aug. 8th Thurs. Fine weather but hazy. Chased the whale till night, but could not catch him. See some scrags, Latter the same. Lat. 7"10 S. 102"27 W.

Aug. 9th Friday. Repairing the fore-top-sail. Lat. 7"08 S. Lon. 102"27 W.

Aug. 10th Sat. Weather squally but moderate. Bent the foretopsail. Took in some sail at night. A.M. fine weather. Passed the Ship Callao. Lat. 6"27 S.

Off Shore.

1844

Aug. 11th Sun. Blowing very fresh. Went onboard of the Calloo and stayed 24 hours. 12th Got home again before dark. Mr. Norton their Mate is brother of ours. Capt Norton talked much about his deceased. A.M. passed him within musket shot he standing N.E. 5"40 S. 101. 16 W.

Aug. 13th Mon. At night shortened sail to single reefs standing south. A.M. passed 9 miles to windward of a ship probably the Calloo. Lat. 5"55 S. 101"24 W.

Aug. 14th Wedns. Going to the N.E. Fine weather. Nothing seen worthy of note. At Noon Lat. 5"17 S. Lon. 100"47 W.

Aug. 15th Thurs. Standing to the N.E. I mean South. Bent the foretopsail. At Night shortened sail and veered to the N.E. Wedged the tiller as it had become loose. Discovered that one of the main shrouds was parted. Lat. 5"57 S. Lon. 100"50 W.

Aug. 16th Friday. At night double reefed. Standing to the N.E. A.M. made sail to the south. Lat. 5"26 S. Lon. 100"80 W.

Aug. 17th Sat. Weather fine for the season. Reduced the water butt in size. A.M. spoke the Wm. Wirt of N. H. 22 mo. 1700.

Off Shore.

1844

Aug. 18th Sun. In company with the Wm Wirt. Nothing seen worthy of note. Capt Wm Morse talks a great deal about his little Bristol wife, and more about the sweet little feminine pledge of their mutual love, notwithstanding the shortness of their acquaintance previous to matrimonio. [illegible] Middle and latter parts much rain and [illegible] hard squalls. Lat. 6" 12 S. 101 W.

Aug. 19th Mon. Standing to the S & E. At night double reefed the topsails. Shall I, when time with me shall cease, must I cry, "all is vanity"? Is it for the meat which perisheth, that I have so long labored? My soul answers, no. Earth, take thou my body, tis thine; but presume not to hold within thy cold narrow grasp; its occupant is immortal. She must erelong, aye, even now, wing her way, in immagination, to realms of endless day. Vanity dwells in time but dies in Eternity. A.M. double reefs out. 5" 19 S. 100" 20 W.

Aug. 20th Tues. Fine weather. Finished the butt and set up one or two chocks. Fitted 14 fathoms of hawser to make main shrouds. A.M. commenced breaking out in the M. Hatchway. Lat. 4" 20 Lon. 100.

Aug. 21st Wedns. Finished stowing down the last fore. Latter moderate. 2" 30 S. 98" 20 W.

Towards The Equator.

1844

Aug. 22d Thurs. Light trades. Standing to the N.E. Put on a pair of new main shrouds out of an old hawser. Stripping the cutting pendants &c. A.M. Squared the yards and kept off to North. Lat. 1"54 S. Lon. 98"48 W.

Aug. 23d Friday. Fitting the cutting pendants. At Night shortened sail. At daylight made sail and kept off to North. Employed in setting up rigging &c. 1"25 S.

Aug. 24th Sat. Most beautifull weather. Steering N.W. Employed on the rigging and cutting pendants. At night shortened sail. A.M. lashed up the Pendants. 0"57 S. 99"18 W.

Aug.* 24th Sun. Weather continues fine. By Sun and Chron nearly right. 1 P.M. wetted off deck. At night luffed to under double reefs. A.M. kept off to N.W. all sail out, 0"09 N. 100"49 W.

Aug. 25th Mon. Light from S.S.E. and cloudy. Shortened sail at night. A.M. made sail again. Lat. 0"10 N. 102"00 W.

Aug. 26th Tues. Light weather but fine. Standing to the South. At night shortened sail. Got up the turning lathe. Latter made all sail to the South. 0"58 S. 102"41 W.

Aug. 27th Weather cloudy. Nothing seen.

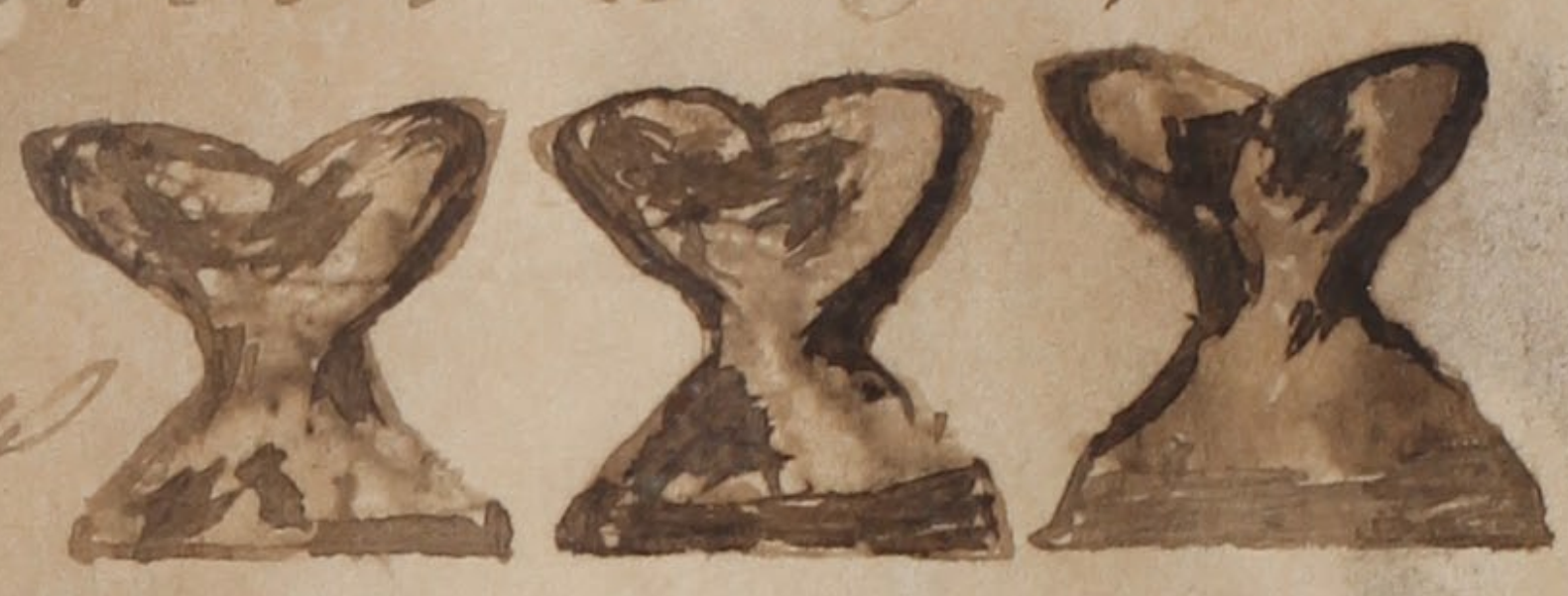
* Here is a mistake: please to except.

Cruising Near the Line.

1846

Aug. 27th Tues. At night in all but the topsails. See finbacks. Repaired the bowsprit cap. Lat. 2"05 S.

Aug. 29th Thurs. Fine breeze and fair, Standing to the South. At 1 p.m. saw a large body of whales but could not catch them. At night hauled a wind to N.E. A.M. Squalls of rain. 2.10 S
108-10 W.



Aug. 30th Friday. See great numbers of scrags. Weather squally strong, with rain. In topgallant sails. Latter some moderated. Lat. 1"57 S. 102.60 W.

Aug. 31st Sat. Weather thick, Wind light. See white water &c, but no whales. At 2 P.M. tacked to the N.E. at 6 to the South. Very rugged. Latter See finbacks. Lat. 2.25 S. Lon. 102.40 W

Sept. 1st Sun. Begins with light wind. Standing to the N.E. We cannot find any thing here to stretch the fore doubts with. O how much I desire to know what is going on at home. Latter part squally. Lat. 2"04 S. Lon. 101.42.

Sept. 2d Mon. Fine weather and gentle breeze. Standing to the South. See nothing but scrags. I am not ashamed of the Gospel because it's true. W. E. Channing. It is the pure and lofty spirit of Christianity and not dull forms, that we desire. ibid.

Towards five South.

1867

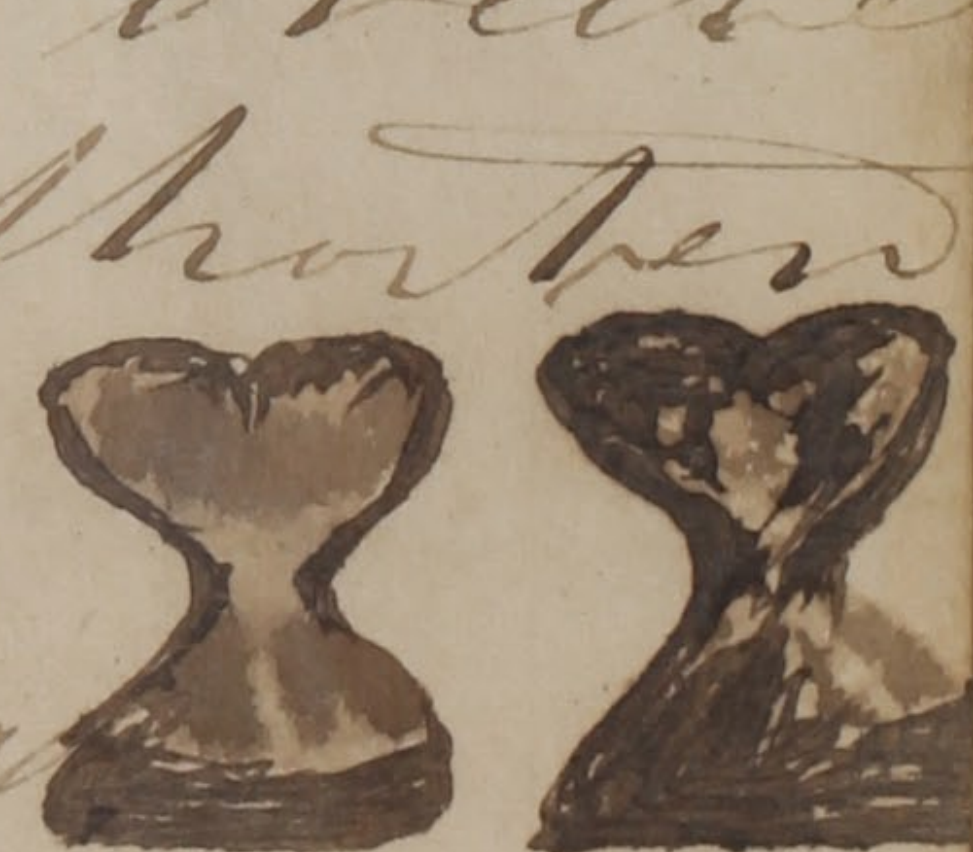
Sept. 3d Tues. Moderate trades and cloudy weather. Standing to the south. At night double reefed. A.M. set main t'gallant sail. Lat. 4.36 S. 104° W.

Sept 4th Wednes. Fine weather for the season. Saw squid porpoises and white water to windward.

Sept 5th Thurs. Fresh trades. Standing to the N.E. At night shortened sail. A.M. saw a ship to leeward. Lat. 5"06 S. 103"50 W.

Sept. 5th Friday. Strong trades At night took in sail. A.M. made sail. Saw two whales to windward which I suppose went to windward as we saw nothing more of them. 6 S. 104"10 W.

Sept 6th Sat. Strong breeze A ship under our lee. Shortened sail at 6 heading to the N.E. A.M. veered to the South. 5"38 S. 104 W



Sept 7th Sun. Fresh gale and squally. Spoke the ship Frances. Gardner 17 mo. 850 bbls. At night veered to the south.

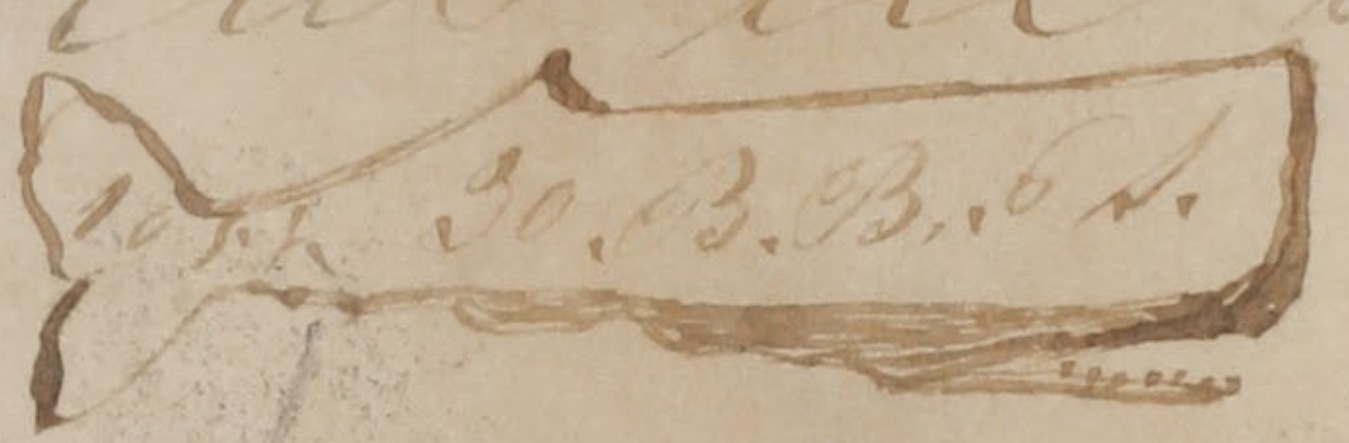
Sept. 8th Mon. Begins to moderate. See some indications of whales. We should be glad to hear a sermon to night, even poor little Mr. Hanscom; dear ~~little~~ man.

Ship Hector Off Shore.

1844.

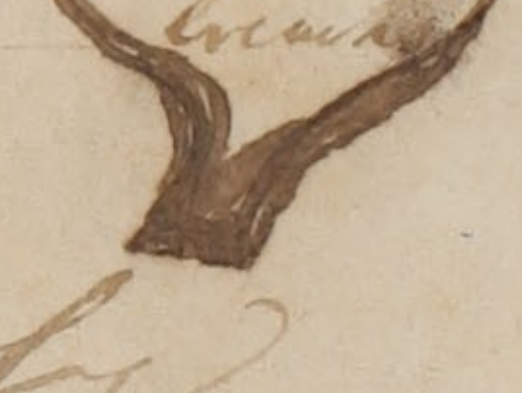
Sept. 10th Tues. Begins with fresh breezes. 5"53 S. 105"28 W. At night shortened sail and veered to the South. Nothing seen worthy of note. Midnight veered to the N.E. Latter squally. Lat. 6"12 South. 105"29 W.

Sept. 11th Wednes. Saw whales at 2 p.m. and lowered at ½ past 2. Soon the larboard boat struck, got stove, and one man (Martin Hughes) arm broke, besides several other bruises. One we killed which is almost a miracle, seeing the whole boat's crew were in the most imminent danger from the repeated blows of his flukes. The boat we could not find tho we found the line. A.M. cut in the whale.



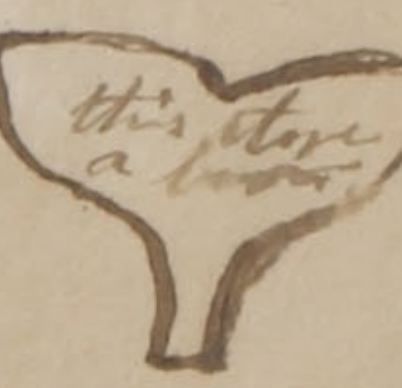
Lat. 5"48 S.

Sept. 12. Thurs.

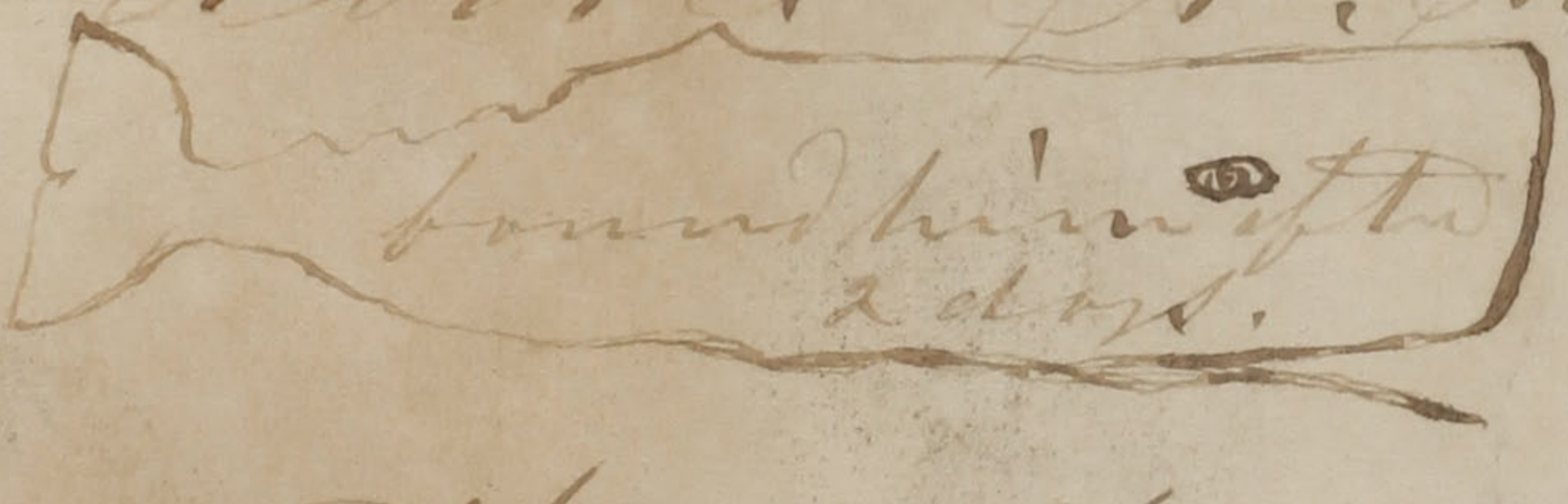
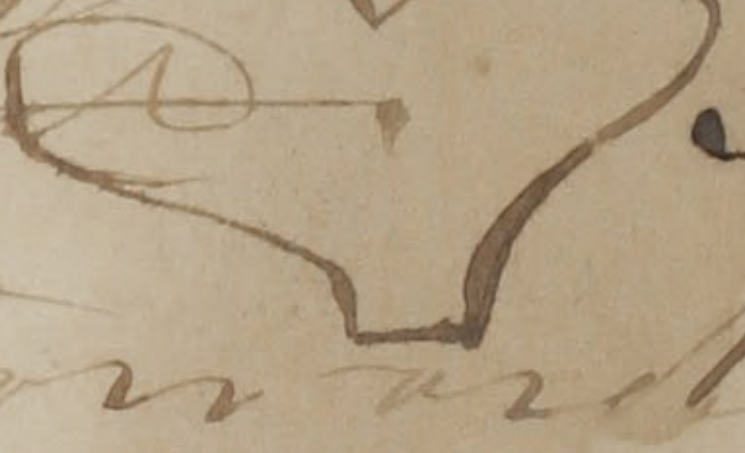


Standing to the South. Blowing fresh with squalls. At 2 P.M. saw a whale to leeward. Struck at 4 a large one. He run and sounded bad, and finally parted the line. Saw breaches to leeward at sunset. Hauled to the south. We have now four men off duty. O I am indeed wretched. I am to wicked to live or die. Will the Lord God come over the large mountain of sin, and help me to look to him for support. My own strength is truly perfect weakness. "Man is born to trouble." A.M. continue boiling. Lat. 5"36 S. Lon. 105"58.

Off Shore.

Sept. 13th Friday. Strong trades and very rugged. Saw whales; lowered; got the waist boat stove and lost the whale. Saw plenty of whales to leeward at night. Veered to the south. Lat. 5.21 S. 105.15. 1844. 

Sept. 14th. Sat. Fresh trades but better weather. Standing to the south under double reefs. 105.50. At day light veered to the S.E. 5.38 S.

Sept. 15th. Sun. Weather some moderated. At 4 P.M. raised a dead whale right ahead. At 5½ took him along side. It proved to be the whale by which the waist boat was stove on Friday. Got ready for cutting by dark. A.M. cut in the whale  Lat.  5.10 S. towards 106 W.
found him after 2 days.

Sept. 16th. Mon. At 5 p.m. saw a sperm whale and lowered but did not get near him. Lost a part of the case and nearly all of the junk, the body runs very bad. A.M. finished boiling and washed off. Lat. 5.27 S. Lon. 105.50.

Sept. 17th. Tues. Tolerable fair weather. Standing to the south. Repairing the boat. The oil is rather dark. A.M. turned on to repairing the waist boat. Lat. 6.01. 106.16.

Hector. Cruising Off 1844

gone out. Sept. 18th Wednes. Fresh breezes and fair weather. Putting a new head on to the waist boat. At night shortened sail, standing to the N.E. 5"08 S. 115½ W.

Sept. 19th Thurs. Tolerable fair weather, Stowing down in the M. H. aft. Continue repairing the boat. No Obs.

Sept. 20th Friday. Finished stowing down. Mertin's broken arm is some better. Still repairing the waist boat. 5"8.5 S,

Sept. 21st Sat. Standing to the south. at night double reefed, Weather very fine. Lat. 6.13 S. Lon. 106 W.

Sept. 22 Sun. Standing to the N.E. Finished repairing the waist boat. Weather cloudy, under topsails. Saw something we supposed to be sperm whales, they were going to windward. 5"12 S.

Sept. 23d Mon. Standing to the N.E. under topsails at first. Lon. by Lunar 106"06 W. by Ch. 105"4, Thus at 6"36 P.M. Weather fair. A.M. tacked to the South, Lat. 5"30 S. Lon 105"24.

Shore. Off Shore ground.

Sept. 24th Tues. Fresh top gal- 1844
lant breezes and fine weather
standing to the south, At night
wore to the N.E. and shortened sl,
A.M. split the jib and unbent it.
Standing to the south. Lat. 5"34 S. Lon 105"19.

Sept 25th Wednes, Fair weather
repairing the old jib. Nearly all
hands are well which is a very
uncommon phenomenon. See
plenty of flying fish. hoped to get
one more whale before leaving the
ground, but God only knows whether
we shall. A.M. unbent the foresail
for the repairing. Weather squally
but moderate. Lat. 6"12 S. 105"26 W.

Sept. 26th Thursday. Moderate
weather. Put out the waist boat.

Sept. 27th Friday. Standing
to the south. See flying fish
&c. but no whales. A.M. doing
nothing. Lat. 6"18 S. Lon. 104"57 W.

Sept. 28th Sat. Standing to
to the N.E. under topsails. 5"57 S.

Sept. 29th Sund. At 4 five whales
off. At 6 P.M. wore to the N.E. took in topgal-
lant sails. Lat. 5"57 S. 104 West Lon.

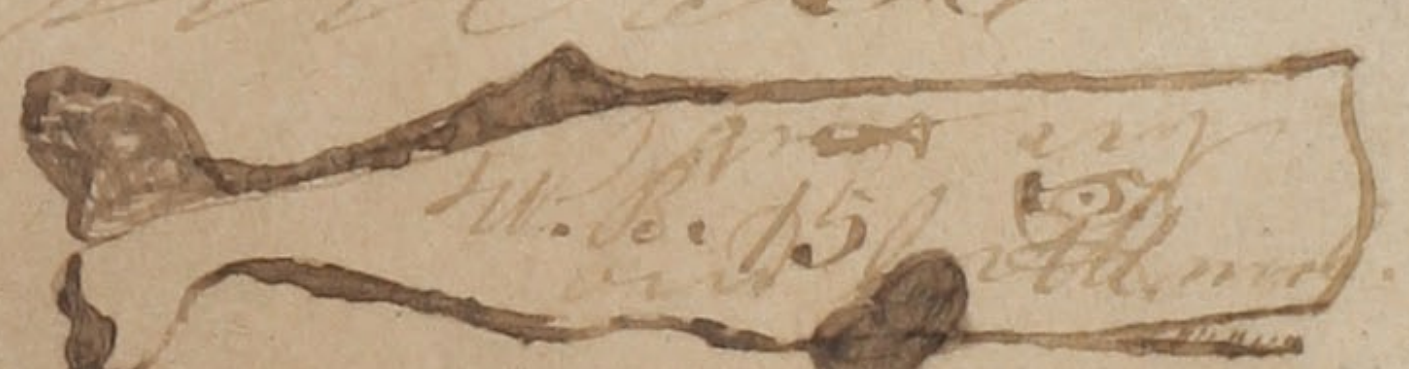
Ship Hector Off Shore.

1844

Sept. 30th Mon. Standing to the N.E. Capt. Gardner whom we saw in the Promises not long since asked the question: "what is the use to live?" said he "I am better acquainted at the Sandwich Islands than at home" this is the declaration of an old skipper in the whaling business. ah let me get home once more, but even whaling is better than beggary.

Oct. 1st Tues. Lat. 4.38 S. Lon. 102.46. Saw a ship to leeward. Putting up a bulkhead to the forward cabin. Standing to the N.E. A.M. saw a sail to the windward. 5.10 S. 102.20.

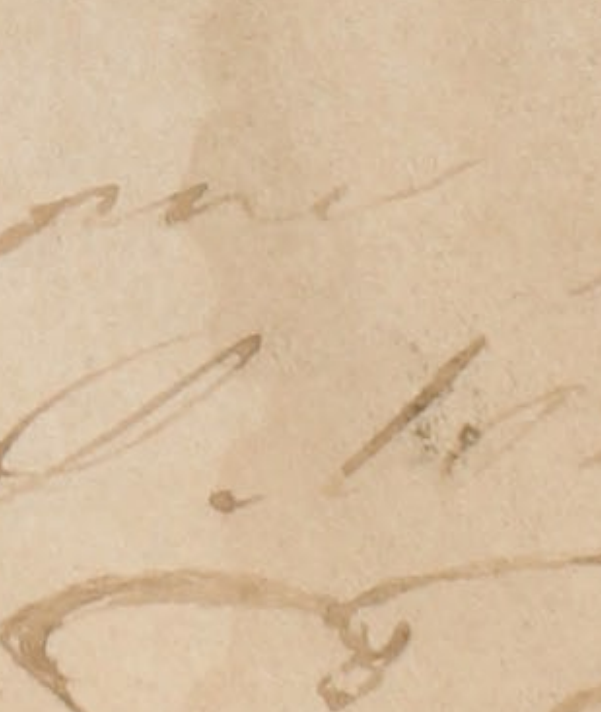
Oct. 2d Wednes. Fresh trades at night shortened sail. Spoke the ship Iris, Spooner of N.B. 11 mo. 600. At daylight wore to the East. 5.24 S. Lon. 102.57.

Oct. 3d Thurs. Saw a lot of small *bull whales and caught one. 

*Some took him in tow at dark. A.M. cut in
cows} the whale. Lat. 5.20 S. Lon. 103.01 W.

Oct. 4th Friday. Boiling. Standing to the South. Lat. 5.41 S. Lon. 103.05 W.

Oct. 5th Sat. Standing to the N.E. A.M. saw a ship and as we suppose a shoal of whales. 5.25 S. 102½ W.


these were either whales or [illegible].

Off Shore. Towards the Line.

1844.

Oct. 6th Sun. Fresh breezes and fair. At night under topsails. A.M. a sail on the weather quarter. Weather moderate, nearly calm. 5.21 S 102 W.

Oct. 7th Mon. Standing to the N.E. with all sail out; at night took in fore & mizzen topgallant sails. The ship we supposed to be the Iris. Latter part quite moderate. Lat. 3.39 S. 101.24 W.

Oct. 8th Tues. Standing by the wind to the N.E. Set up some rigging. Bent a jib. Saw finbacks. 2.21 South.

Oct. 9th Wednes. Heading up with E.N.E. 5 knot breeze and fair. Latter part some moderate. Lat. 1.57 S. 98.48 W.

Oct. 10th Thurs. Standing to the N.E. All sail out. Lat. 0.27 S. 98.00 W.

Oct. 11th Friday. Still standing to the N.E. Saw scraps. Wind moderate from S.S.E. and cloudy night and after noon. Stripping the backstays. Fresh breeze through the night. Lon. 96.35 W.

Oct. 12th Sat. Saw finbacks. Fresh breeze. Set topgallantsails. Latter part moderate. Lat. 0.03 S. Lon. 95.36 W. Thick wet foggy weather latter part of night.

Off the Gallepagos. 1844.

Oct, 13th Sun. Breeze from S. b. E. and fair. In, fore topgallant sail. Latter part moderate. made all sail. Weather cloudy. Lat. 0.4ct. 93.50 W.

Oct. 14th Mon. Topgallant breeze and fair. Cloudy towards night. Standing to the East. A.M. made the land, Albemarle &c. to the east. Lat. 17ct. Rock dis. 15 [illegible].

Oct. 15th Tues. Beating up towards N. Head with a strong trade. Spoke the ship Spartan of Nant. Fisher, 10 mo 250. A.M. stood in towards lee bay. Stood Off do.

Off. 16th Wedns. Stood in under the lee of Narborough and caught a mess of fish towards night. Strong trades at 4 pm. in topgallantsails. After sunset, light land breeze from about East. A.M. stood in to the bay. Soon entered the passage.

Oct. 17th Thurs. Ran in and brought S. Head and the East end of Narborough in a line. Could not find a suitable place to anchor. Strong trades setting down through the passage, also some current. Stood out with the full determination never to come in to this place again. We caught a few fish to save the time. In the evening, while in the bay, took a strong breeze from about N.W. It is not safe to lie close to the Island.

Off Off the Islands.

Oct. 18th Friday. Fair weather 1844
10 mo and 9 and moderate trades. Beating up towards S. Head. Saw a ship to leeward. A.M. off South Head.

Oct. 19th Sat. Fresh trades; trying to beat round S. Head ~~but~~ this a hard task truly. After sunset more moderate. Rather thick weather with some rain. Saw a ship Off. S. Head.

Oct. 20th Sun. Beating round the South Head of Albemarle. Wind light from the S. E. Lat. 1.32 S. Lon. 92.4 W.

Oct 21st Mon. Moderate fair weather. Standing to the Eastward. A.M. raised Charles Island bearing East. At 3½ p.m. Came to anchor in the post office bay, in 8 fathoms hard bottom. Went ashore, towards night, and caught a fine lot of terrapins. A.M. heeled the ship and put on 5 streaks of copper. Went up to black beach and purchased some pumpkins: onboard at dark.

Oct. 22nd Tues. Moderate to begin. Middle fresh trades. Stowing down the water. Took onboard some pumpkins, bananas, &c. At night all onboard.

Oct. 24th Thurs. Took onboard some boats of pumpkins &c. Fresh breeze from the North for several hours.

Chas. Island.

1844.

Oct. 25th Friday. Light airs all round the compass. Obtained some Cabbages and pigs from the black beach: Discharged Jas. Mc Lean yesterday. Got off two boat loads wood.

Oct. 26th Sat. Took on board 7 passangers and a boat for Chatham Island with some pumpkins, and one jackass: took the boat.

Oct. 27th Sun. At daylight got under way bound to Chatham.

Oct 28th Mon. Wind unsteady, weather cloudy, with some fog and rain. At 5. P.M. Mc Cowens reef, bore N.N.E. dist. 4 miles or more. Charles. H Part. N.b.S. Gardners. S.W.b.W. Hoods, E.S.E. Course Est. A.M. off Hoods. Run off towards Chatham.

Oct, 29th Tues. Off Wreck bay. Went on shore and landed the passangers. Took on board 53 terrapins 50 cents apiece. At 6 P.M. off Stephens bay, Steering to the N.E. Fresh trades. Latter breaking out &c. Lat. 0.26 Lon. 88.20 W.

Oct. 30th Weds. Fresh and fair. Steering N.N.E. Stowing away sails &c. Setting up some pipes for water. Latter some rain. Co N.b.E 150. Lat. 2.40 Lon. 87.20 W.

Towards Cocas Island.

1844

Oct. 31st. Thursday. Begins with fresh breezes from the south. Some rain. Enlarged the forecastle by bringing the bulkhead and the larboard side aft to the hatchway. At Noon raised Cocas Island bearing N½ E distant 25 miles.

Nov. 1st Friday. Ran down on the west side of Cocas Island and hauled out to the eastward at dark. Weather tolerable fair. Very little rain. A.M. beating up towards the Island. Strong lee current.

Nov. 2nd Sat. Strong breeze and fair. At night ran in towards the harbour, but could not find bottom: or get nearer. Lay off and on out to eastward of the Island till morning; then ran in took onshore to cask for water and got onboard about Noon.

Nov 3rd Sun. Fresh breeze from the south. Hoisted in the water and braced full to the Eastward, with the hope of seeing whales in a day or two. The bay where water is obtained, lies on the North side of the island, and is much easier of approach from the eastward, taking care to avoid the S. Eastern point as off there is a dangerous reef some two miles from the Island. This has long been a place of resort. Many of the rocks about the landing, bear inscriptions, names of ships &c. of ancient date. Thus, in silent accents, speaks all powerfull language, man was here.

On fine North.

1844

Nov. 4th Mon. Moderate trades and fair weather. Standing by the wind with all sail out. Tacked to the S.E. At 10 P.M. to the west. A.M. fresh trades. Lat. 4"50 N. Lon. 86"20 W.

Nov. 5th Tues. Fresh trades. Finished stowing the water. In topgallant sails. Saw Cocas Isl and about 20 m. to the North. A.M. stowed the anchor & chain. 5"30 N 87½ W.

Nov. 6th Wednes. Fresh trades standing to the west. Lat. 5"43 N. 89"24 W.

Nov. 7th Thurs. Light baffling wind from the South; thick weather with some rain. Middle and latter fine fine breeze. Lat. 5"45 N. Lon. 90"25 W.

Nov. 8th Steering by the wind to the West. Rainy dirty weather. The only indication of whales that we see is some fly fish. To write ones thoughts and feelings in a daily journal at sea would cause much repetition, which is perhaps the cause that so little is done in that line. We will however, on this occasion, just take the liberty to remark, that it does seem quite appropos. to us, that those who go to sea should make it point to know what for they go, and not ostensibly as seaman, but really to patch up a constitution and purse both broken by dissipation

Bound off Shore.

1844

Nov. 9th. Sat. Light from S.S.W. and very rainy. Bent all three royals. Lat. 5..10 N. 91..40 W.

Nov. 9th. Sun. Light from the South and some rain. Standing to the West with royals out. Middle rain and calm. Latter the same. I am quite sick both in body and mind; very little sleep. Hope however does not altogether forsake me. I made this morning new discoveries of the deep depravity of my heart. I do sincerely desire to acknowledge God both in the Storm and Calm. Oh that we may be perfectly reconciled to the unvarying laws of Nature. I would seriously warn all men to keep clear of Cocos Island, as they value their peace of mind. 4..55 N. Lat. noon.

Nov. 10th. Mon. Standing to the S.E. with all three royals out. We are not wholly forsaken: Heaven has sent us a breeze from S.S.W. and we are making the most of it. I sometimes glanced at my past life but dare not gaze steadily thereon. To me it seems one unceasing struggle, physical, moral, and intellectual. There are but few bright spots, and none uncommonly dark, to human view. This day I have seen more plainly than ever before the vanity of Earth and value of hope in God. The Lord will not forsake,

Off Culpepper Island.

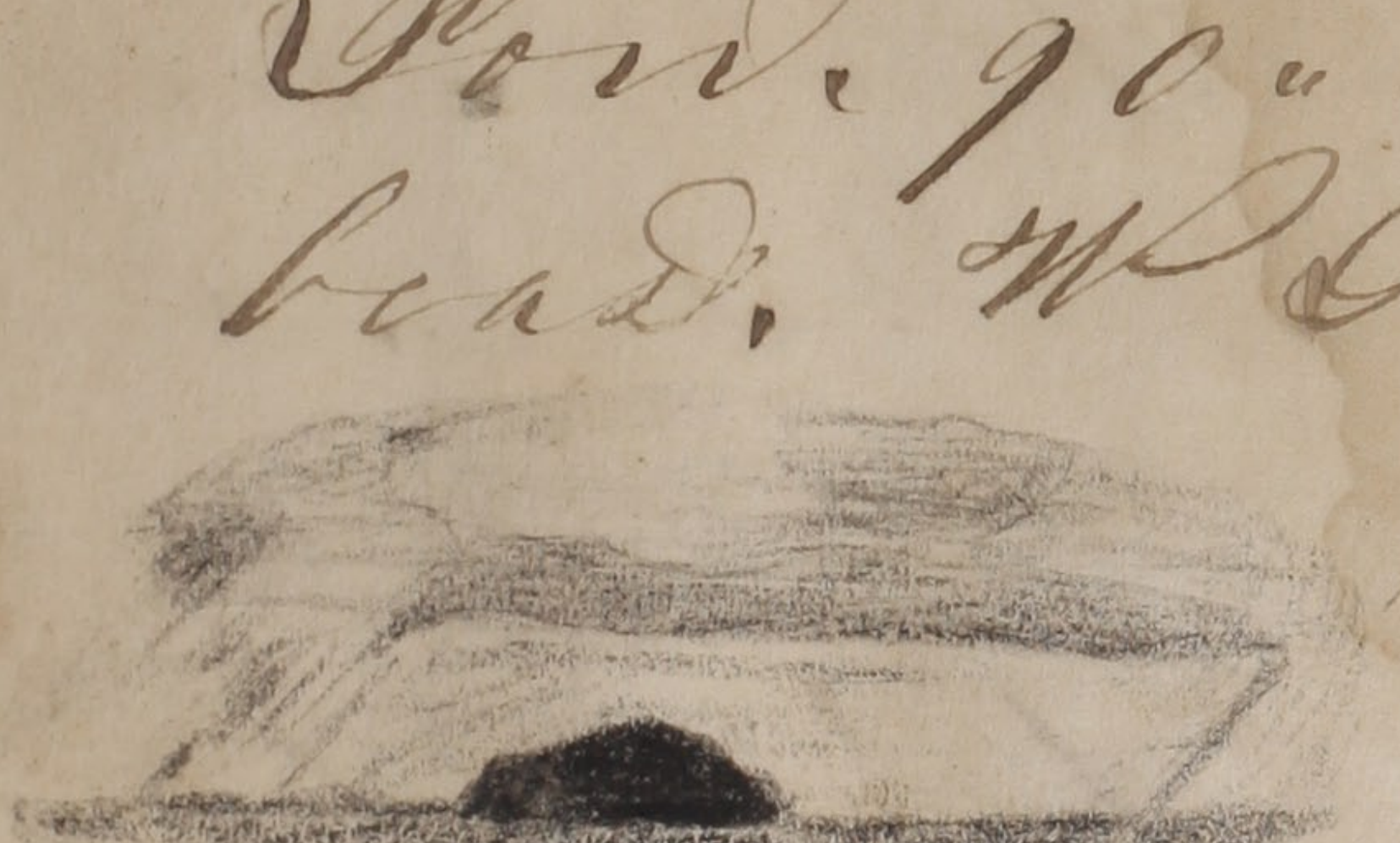
1844.

Nov 11th. Tues. Lat. 4.14 N. 89.40 W.
Fresh from South, with some pros-
pect of better weather. Split the
fly jib and bent a new one. All
the royals out. Latter sound squally.

Nov. 13th Wednes. Lat. 2.57 N. 88.06 W.
At 5 P.M. tacked to the west. Saw whales
at dark heading to leeward. Light
breeze from the southward. Fair.
12 tacked to the S.E. Lat. 2.22 N. Lon. 88.20 W.

Nov. 14th Thurs. Begins with
fresh breezes from the south. Tack-
ed twice. At night set the royals.
Latter fine weather but no whales.

Nov. 15th Friday. Lat. 2.12 S.
Lon. 90.25 W. Culpepper Island
bear. W.N.W. 100 miles. At 8 A.M.



Culpeppers Isl. bore S.E
dis. 20 miles. Weather dark.
Noon. Lat. 2 N. Lon. 92.30 W.

Nov. 16th Sat. Moderate and fair.
Steering by the wind to the S.W.
Saw a ship to windward stand-
ing to the East. The Cook and
old Spanish Pedro are down with
the rheumatism. 1.08 N. 94.18 W

Nov. 17th Sun. Driving hard for
something else. Weather Cloudy.

Towards Off Shore.

1844

11 mo out. Nov. 18th Mon. Standing to the west all sail out. Weather fine. Unbent fore and mizzen royals. 0"25 S. 98"60 W

Nov. 19th Tues. At dark fresh, fine S. E. Lat. 2"36 S. 100"45 W.

Nov. 20th Wedns. Fresh trades and fine weather. Repairing the flying jib and maintopgallant sail. See blackfish and porpoises. 4"21 S. 102"20 W.

Nov. 21st Thurs. Fresh and fair. At dark shortened sail.

Nov. 22d Friday. 5"55 S. 103"20 W. Fresh trades. At night double reefed and veered to the N. E.
Hd to the S. Lat. 6"43 S. Lon 103"50 W.

Nov. 23d Sat. Fresh and fair. At night took in sail heading south. Latter the same. Lat. 7"04 S. 104"12 W.

Nov. 24th Sun. Fine weather. At night shortened sail; took in all but the topsails double reefed. 6 S 103½ W.

Nov. 25th Mon. Continues fine. Moon Eclipsed: observed last contact with the shadow: long. deduced diff 2¼ from Ch.r Latter part very fine weather 5"00 S.

Ship Hector Off Shore

1844

Nov 26th (Sunday) Tuesday
Very fine weather. Steering to the North. Saw a ship on the weather bow and ran for or rather luffed towards her. All sail out; wind light. At 8 P.M. spoke the ship Abigail, Barnard, 400. Noon. 5" 30 S. 103" W.

Nov. 27th Wedns. Moderate weath. Gammed with the Abigail. Obtained a few potatoes and onions in exchange for terrapins. A.M. steered off to North. Lat. 5" 37 S. Lon. 104.30.

Nov. 26th Thurs. Fine weather but more wind. Repairing the mainsail. This day John D. Bill has given up his station as boatsteerer on account of inability to fill it, and returned to that of seaman.

Nov. 29th Friday. 5 S. 104½ W. At Night, hauled the head yards aback. A.M. steering off to the S.W. We have on board a man of indian extraction a little with a tincture of white, who purposed to work his passage in to the Coast, from the Islands. He is now some 50 years of age, rought exterior, hard and course featured, yet possessed of genuine good humour that seems to struggle for birth at every furrough in his wrinkle but smiling countenance. The contour

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of his face is apish, but the expression inteligent. His urbanity is unexceptionable yet he can neither read nor write. Attacks of the rheumatism are common and severe but do not prevent his habitual joviality. With the bugle or drum he can make sounds that may be called music. We have three others onboard from the same place who speak the same language which constitutes their only resemblance. One of the four whose colour is a sallow white, passenger in the cabin, professes to be a gentleman in purse, by birth and education I am strongly inclined to doubt, however, his right to so rare a combination of qualities. proved to be a scamp.

Nov 30th Sat. 5.47 S. 106.20 W. Fine weather. Steering S. Westerly. At night double reefed the topsails. Little fresh from Lat. 7.12 S. 107.4 W.

Dec. 1st Sun. At Sunris there are no whales here: formerly much oil was taken in this place.

Dec. 2d Mon. 6.12 S. 106.40 W. Very light from the N. E. nearly calm. Lat. 5.03 S. Lon. 106.51 W.

Dec. 3d Tues. Moderate trades.

Towards the Line.

1844

Dec. 4th Wedns. Lat. 3"39 S. 106"40 W. Moderate fine weather. Standing to the N. E. Saw 1 fin back. Some porpoises and flyingfish. 1"59 S.

Dec. 5th Thurs. 106 W. Very fine weather. At night hauled the head yards aback. Noon. Lat. 1"57 S. Lon. 105"04 W.

Dec. 6th Friday. Steering North. At night took in sail and hauled aback to the E. A.M. lowered for blackfish. 0"20 S. 105"24 W.

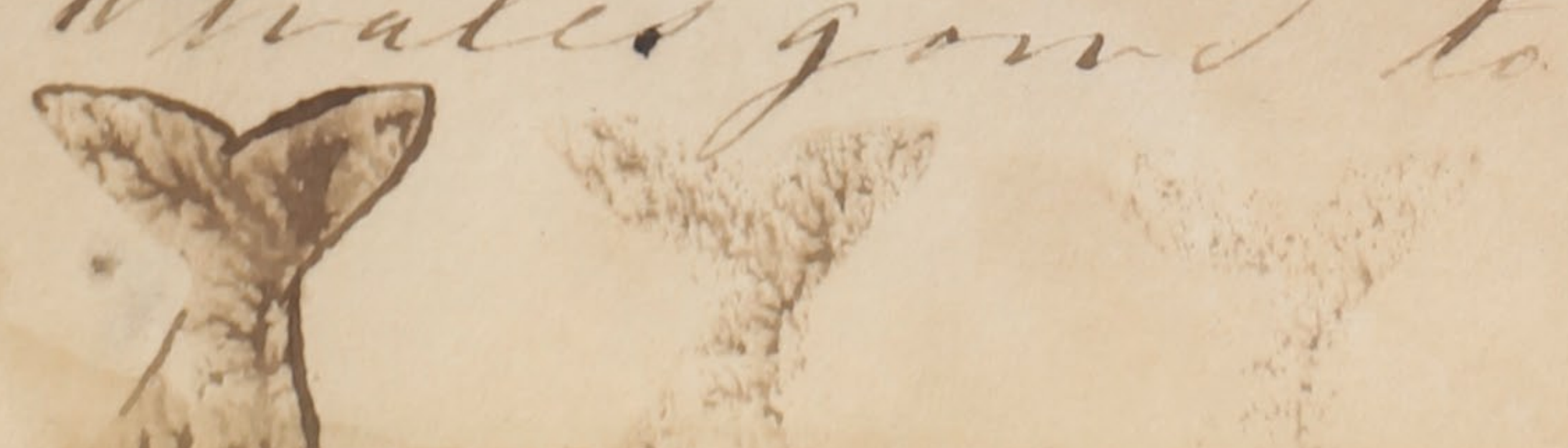
Dec. 7th Sat. At night shortened sail heading to the South. Middle & Latter part fresh trades standing to the South. Lat. 0"12 S. Lon. 107"58 W.

Dec. 8th Sun. Killed a large fat barrow hog. Took in sail at night and veered to the East. 1"26 S. 108"40 W.

Dec. 9th Mon. Fine weather. Standing to the South. 3"08 S. 109"20 W.

Dec. 10th Tues. Moderate. Heavy swells from the S. E. At night took in all but the topsails. At 8 A.M. saw three whales on the weather bow 5-4-3 miles off. Lowered. 4"16 S. 110"07 W.

Dec. 11th Wedns. Took up the boats &c. Whales gone to windward like shot.



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Dec. 12th Thurs. 4"25 S. 110"07 W. 1844
Fine moderate weather. Standing to the East. At daylight tacked to the south. Lat. 4"27 S. Lon. 109"20 W.

Dec. 13th Friday. Spoke the ship Mechanic of New Port. Pratt, 24 mo 800. A.M. to the N.E. 4"48 S. 109"30 W.

Dec. 14th Sat. Spoke the above ship. Sold them some beef & purchased a few oars. Finished the gam at 10 P.M.

Dec. 15th Sun. 4"42 S. 109"05 W. Standing to the south. Took in sail at night. Latter fresh gale. Passed a ship. Lat. 6° S. Lon. 109"30 W.

Dec. 16th Mon. At night took in sail and veered to the N.E. Nothing in sight but sea and sky. Latter fresh trades. Lat. 5"31 S. Lon. 109"58 W.

Dec. 17th Tues. Ran off and spoke the ship. Elira. S. B. Jenney. Church N. B. 25 mo 1150. Lat Noon. 5.10 S. Lon. 109"60 W.

Dec. 18th Wednes. The above ship shortened sail off our weather beam. A.M. veered to the (South). N. E. 5"31 S. 110.30 W.

Dec. 19th Thurs. Killed a pig: None occurrence but mentioned for want of room.

Ship Hector Off Shore.
1844

Dec. 20th Friday. Standing to the N.E. Shortened sail at night. This morning passed a ship distant about 4 miles probably the Eliza L. B. Jenney. Time at present passes heavily away. Nothing like whales to be found. There are great numbers of fish in these seas: to speak figuratively, the Ocean is alive with them, Albicore Bonetas &c. 4" 33 S. 109" 20.

Dec. 21st Sat. Spoke the E L B. Jenney. Purchased a few hats. He saw whales this morning. 5" 08 S. 109" 30 W.

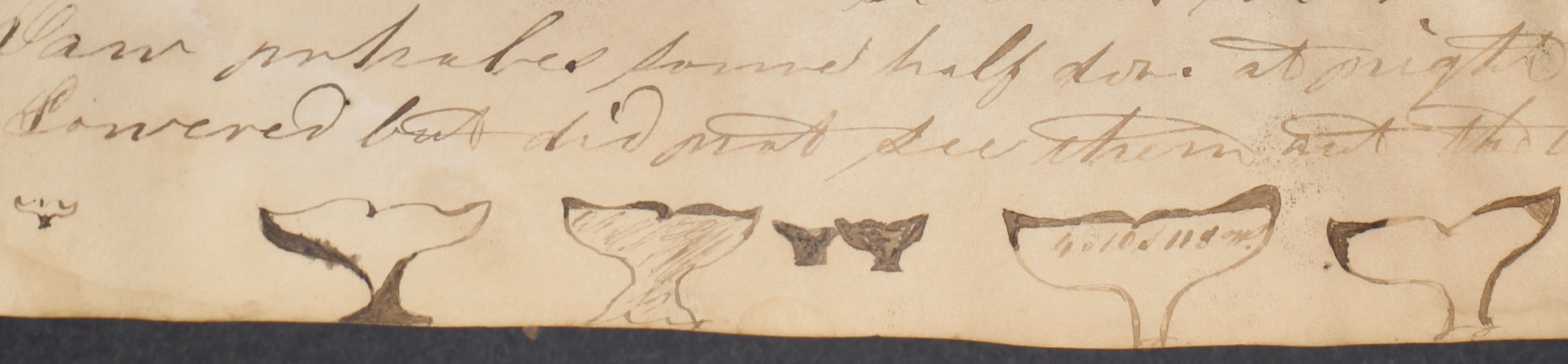
Dec. 22d Sun. Standing to the south. At night shortened sail. A.M. made sail and steered N. W. Lat. 5" 24 S. Lon. 110" 20 W.

Dec. 23d Mon. Some rain. At night luffed to the N.E. A.M. Steered off to the N.E. Lat. 5" 15 S. Lon. 111" 17 W.

Dec. 24th Tues. At night hauled to the wind. A.M. under single reefs. Lat. 5" 6 S. Lon. 112" 11 W.

Dec. 25th Wednes. At night luffed to the N.E. and double reefed. Coco ott.

Dec. 26th Lat. 4" 00 S. Lon. 112" 40 W. Saw whales some half doz. at night. Lowered but did not see them at the boats



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Dec. 26th Thursday. At day light saw bark to the Southward. Ran off till noon. Lat. 4.10 S 115.20 W.

Dec. 27th Friday. Standing to the South. At dark doubled reefed and veered to the N.E. At daylight saw a number of Sperm Whales. Lowered the boats & at 11 A.M. had 2, 40 bbl whales alongside. Capt. Maunter got one of his hands badly torn with an iron. Lat 4.04 S 113.34 W.

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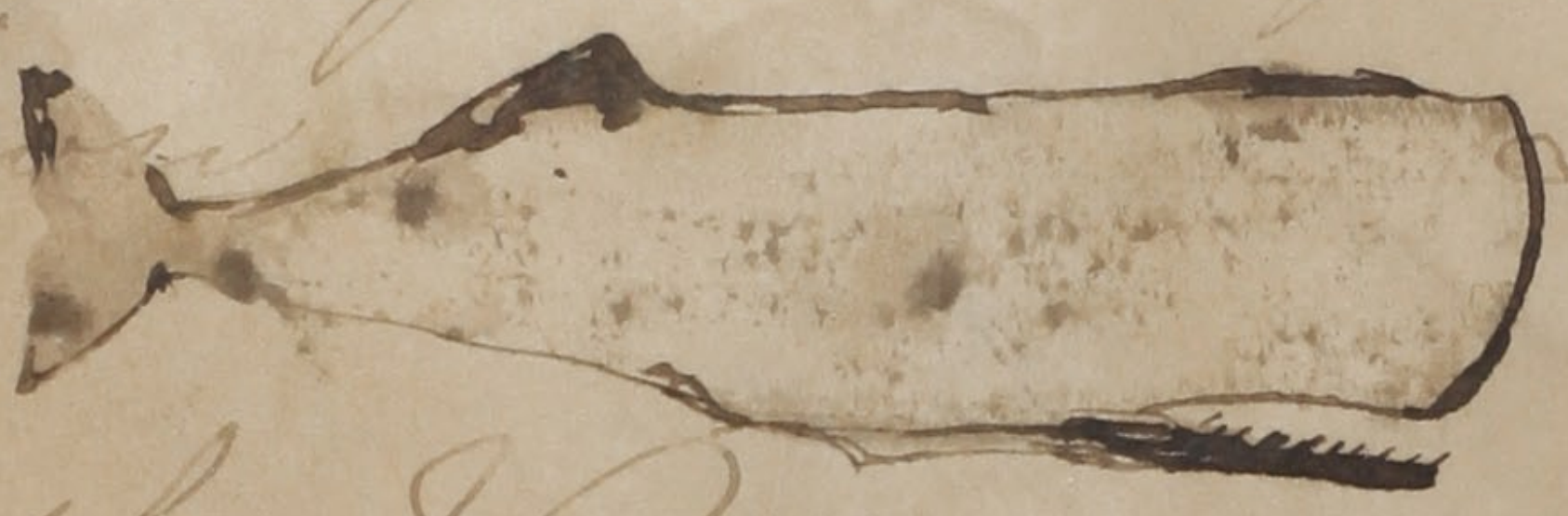

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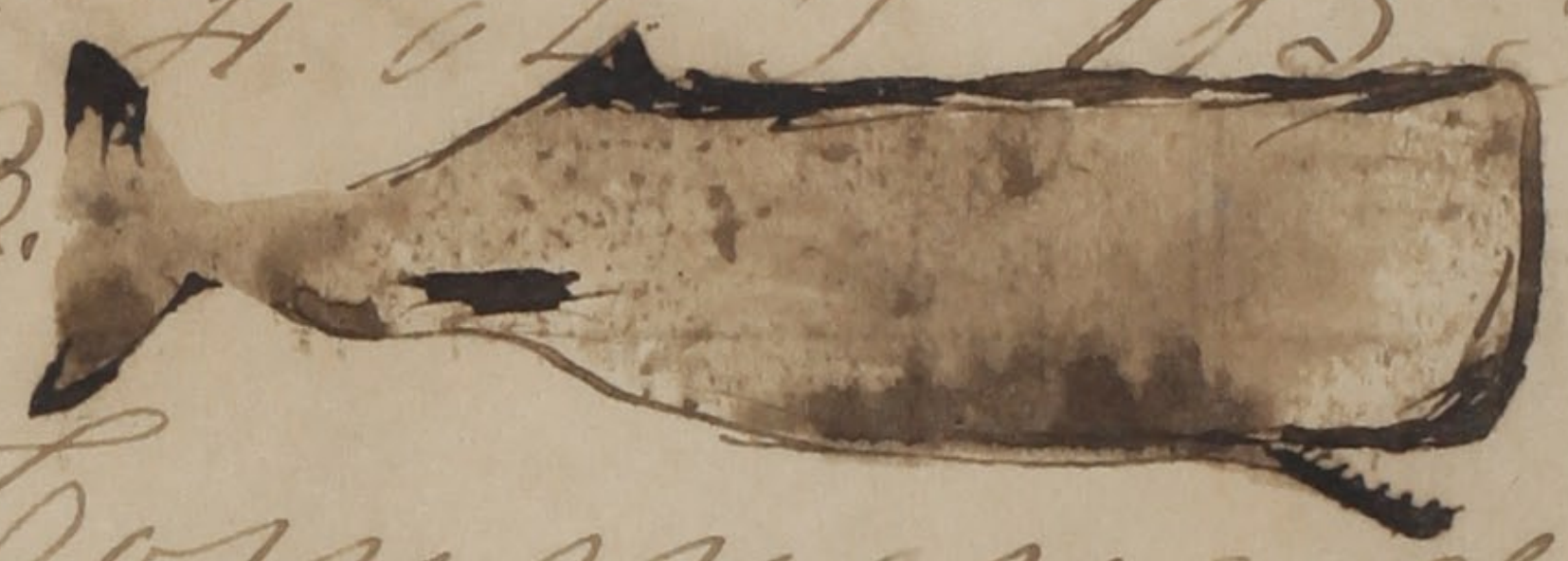


Decr. 28th Saturday. Commenced cutting, and cut in one whale by night. Lay by the other all night; at daylight began to cut, at 11 finished. Braced full to the N.E. Lat. 3.45 S. 113.38 W.

Decr. 29th Sunday. Employed in clearing up decks. At 1 wore ship to S. by W. Commenced boiling body. At midnight veered to N.E. Ends with strong trades.
Lat 4.00 S. 113.19 W.

Decr. 30th Monday. Fine weather. Still boiling. At midnight veered to E.N.E. Latter part made more sail. Saw nothing.
Lat 3.45 S. 113.05 W.

Decr. 31st Tuesday. At 4 finished boiling and washed off. Standing to the S. At 2 A.M. veered to N.E. Set the Mainsail
Lat 3.53 S. 113.15 W.

Ship Hector Off Shore 1845

January 1st. 1845. Wednesday.
Fine trades; heading to the N. E. Nothing in sight. At 2. A.M. veered to S b W. Latter, strong trades. Repaired the tryworks.
Lat. 4.04 S. 112. 46 W.

Jany 2nd. Thursday.
Moderate trades. Standing to the S. Spoke the Ship Mechanic, And has taken one whale since we last saw her. Middle and latter parts moderate.
Latt 4.57 South
Long 113, 30 West,

Jany 3d Friday
Fine trades. At 1 pm kept the Ship N. W. Spoke the bark Harvest Taber of Fairhaven, 1300 Bbls whale Oil Middle and latter parts the ship heading to the South,
Latt 6. 01 S. 114. 14 W

Jany 4th, Saturday
Commences with fresh trades, Ship heading N. W. 6 p.m, Shortned Sail, heading South, At daylight made Sail heading to the N. E.
Latt 4. 56. 114, 30 W.

Jany 5th Sunday
Commences with strong trades, Ship heading N. E. Sunset Shortned Sail, as usual. At daylight wore Ship and stood to the South L. 4. 54 South
Long 114, 22 West,

Off Shore

1845

Jany 6th Monday

Commences with fine weather. At 2 A.m veered Ship to the N. E. At day= Break, Commenced breaking out for the purpose of Stowing Oil in the mainhold.

Latt 5.04 S. 115.00 W.

Jany 7th Tuesday

Commences with fine weather. Employed in Stowing Oil 5 pm. Finished. At daylight made sail, Steering N. E. On the wind. Nothing in sight worthy of note, Latt 4.04 S. 114.00 W.

Jany 8th Wednesday

Commences with fine weather, Ship heading to the N. E. Watch at their leisure. 6 pm Shortned sail. 12 midnight veered Ship to the South. Latter part, A Ship on the weather beam, Steering to the westward, So Ends.

Latt. 4.30. S 114.00 W.

Jany 9th Thursday

Commenced with fine weather. At 4 pm Spoke Ship Abigail middle and Latter parts moderate. Saw two Ships off the lee.

Latt 4.59. S. 113.30 W.

Ship Hector Off Shore.

1845.

January 10th 1845 Friday

These 24 hours.

Commences with fine weather,
Starboard tacks aboard. At 6 pm
Shortned Sail as usual, 10 pm,
veered Ship to the South. At
Daylight one Ship and a bark,
in Sight, 7 A.m. Squared in
the yards, Steering W. S. W. & N

Latt. 4.55. South 114.30. W.

Jany 11th 1845. Saturday

These 24 hours.

Commences with fine weather
Ship heading W. S. W. At 6 pm.
Shortned Sail, Heading N. E.
At daylight made Sail Steering
N. W. Latt. 4.39 South 115.40.

Jany 12th 1845. Sunday

These 24 hours.

Commences fine, At 1½ pm.
Saw Sperm whales on the weather
Bow, Lowered three boats,
And Struck and Killed a
large whale, 4 pm. took him
to the Ship Latter part, all
Hands employed in Cutting

Latt 4.12. S. 116.15 West.

Jany 13th 1845. Monday.

These hours fine

Employed in Cutting. Finnished
at dark. And Commenced
boilling. Middle and Latter
part. Squally. Employed in boilling

Latt. 4.44 S. 116.57 W.

Off Shore Ground

1845.

Jany 14th 1845, Tuesday

These hours, Strong trades, Ship heading to the South Sundown tacked Ship to the N. E. Middle and Latter Parts, much the same as to wind and weather, Employed in boilling

4.34 South, 116.37 West.

Jany 15th 1845 Wednesday

Commences with strong trades, Heading N. E. At 3 pm, finnished boilling Latter Part. Saw nothing worthy of note, Latt 4.30 S. 116.34 W.

Jany 16th 1845, Thursday

Commences fine weather, Ship heading to the South At 6 pm, Shortned sail as usual A m, Light trades, made sail to the N. N. E. Latt, 4.42 South. 116.34"

Jany 17th 1845, Friday

Commences with Light airs, Cooper employed in Repairing Casks, 5 pm, a part of the Ships Company went in swimming, 6 pm, took in mainsail Latter, Setting up the main riggin, and repairing Casks,

Latt. 4.22 S. Lon. 116.43 W.

Sat. Jan. 18th Nearly Calm for 48 Hours. Stowed down 80 barrels in the m. Hatchway.

Ship Hector Bound

1845

Jan. 19th Sun. Moderate trades and fine weather Standing to the S. Apropos. Gentle reader, we have been rather unsocial of late and tis high time to renew our acquaintance. In truth I have been learning a painfull but salutary lesson. It is this. Never distrust the inexplicable ways of Providence. My hand is mending fast, but it will never again be sound; the tendons were so broken and lacerated. I know not which is the greatest wonder; that I escaped with life or with a wound so bad without being worse. It is a misfortune from which I never can recover. (7. error 50 S. 119 W.)

Jan. 20 Mon. Fresh trades. Steering by the wind to the South under tops.

Jan. 21st Tues 7.50 S. 118.50 W. Standing to the South. See flying fish & birds. Lat. 10.02 S. Lon. 119.15.

Jan. 22d Wednes. Repairing casks &c. Unbent the foretopgallantsail and cut 9 inches off the head. 11.58 S. 119.50.

Jan. 23d Thurs. Standing to the South. Nearly calm. 4 pm. Squalls.

Jan. 24th Friday. Fine moderate weather. 15.49 S. 119.50 West. Found to day.

Up the Coast.

1845

January. 25th Sat. Lat. 15.34 S. 119.40 W. Moderate trades and fine weather. Standing to the South. Employed in scraping the wheel for the purpose of varnishing. All sail out. Latter fresh: in topgallantsails.

Jan. 26th Sun. Strong trades. At sunset double reefed topsails. In the night quite squally in jib and mainsail.

Jan. 27th Mon. Lat. 20.16 119.34 W. Strong from E.S.E. and very rugged. The Cook is a negro of uncommon size. He will weigh probably about 250 pounds. His appetite is voracious. His health is bad and been so ever since leaving home. He is now below with the rheumatism. Lat. 21.40 S. 119.45 W.

Jan. 28th Tues. Continues strong and squally. Under double reefed jib and mainsail. Lat. 23.32 S. Lon. 120.15 W

Jan. 29th Wednes. Weather some better but sea rugged. A.M. turned out the reefs. Lat. 25.25 S. Lon. 120.58 W.

Jan. 30th Moderate but squally. At night single reefed the topsails. Took several Lunar Obs. differ a trifle from Chron.

Jan. 31st Thursday. Lat. 27.23 S. 121.41 W. Fine weather. Cloudy. Under topg.

Ship Hector Bound Up.
1845.

February 1st. Sat. Nearly calm. with clear weather. Latter part Some wind from S.S.W. and cloudy. Lat. 29"04. S. Lon. 121.39. W.
Co. EbS. dis. 55 miles.

February 2d. Sun. Moderate and some squally but light. S.S.W. Standing by the wind to S. East The Cook has mustered up again, poor old fellow, I went forward with the intention of giving him a word of caution respecting a portion of dirt, say ½ an inch thick, found in the bottom of his coppers, but could not sufficiently harden my heart. Found him sitting in the door of his Camboose eating some rice and Molasses with great moderation and good nature. A feeling of pityful kindness pervaded my usualy yeilding nature tho quite sure he is wholy undeserving. Latter part calm. Lat. 30"16 S. Lon. 120.50.
dis. 78.

Feb. 3d Mon. Nearly calm. Weather fair. Away out in the wide Ocean. a little company of wanderers are we. Latter part employed in putting the rigging. Lat. 30"42 S. Lon. 120.57 W.
24 dis.

Feb. 4th Tues. Light breeze from the South and fine weather. Employed on the rigging. A.M. rainy. Latter fair and calm. Co. for last three days. S.S.E. dis. today 60 miles.

The Coast. Towards St.

Bar. Feb. 5th Wednes. Light breeze
30.2 S.W. and fine weather. All sail
out. Carrying the main royal in the
night. The Cook is on duty again.

Feb 6th Thurs. Lat. 32.07 S. Lon. 118.30 W.
30.2 Bent a fore topsail. Weather
nearly calm throug the day. 32.02 S.

30.1 Feb. 7th Friday. Continues
light, with a heavy swell from the
30.0 S.W. Unbent the spanker to repair
Co. S.S.E. dis. 120 m. Lat. 34.04 S. Lon. 117 W.

Feb. 8th Sat. Wind from W.S.W.
Moderate. Took a heavy squall of
rain. Middle calm, latter light
from N. Co. S.S.E dis. 120. 35.09 S. 115.00 W.

Feb. 9th Sun. Moderate fine weather
but heavy swell from W.S.W. the ship
29.9 rolls bad. At night set the mainroyal.
Wind N.N.W. Co S. dis. 120 m. Lat. 37.05 S. Lon. 114.59.

O what is the world to one like me,
Who passes life on the faithless sea?
It is like the wake ships make but leave,
No trace along the deep blue wave.

Feb. 10th Mon. Moderate weather and
29.85 fine breeze from the North. Lat. 38.05 S.
Lon. 111.35 W. Co. E S E dis. 178 miles.

Feb. 11th Tues. Continues fresh from
the North. Set topgallantsails.

Ship Hector Towards

1845

Feb. 11th. Tues. Middle Wind shifted to S.W. Latter calm and rainy. No Obs. Barometer. 29,97

Ther 30,0 in

Feb 12th. Wedns. Begins with Calm. At 3 P.M. breeze from the North. At 6 in topgallantsails. Reflection. I was brought into existance to continue throug a certain period of time. I have done both good and evil. God knows the amount of both classes of deeds. The evil seems to preponderate in a great degree. A part only of both is known by me. A part only of the visible, outward, is known to my fellow travelers. None but God can say, "I will blot out their transgressions and their sins and iniquities remember no more for ever." All men are forgetfull and loose the remembrance of both good and evil deeds, through the assistance of time and succession of events. The Son of God suffered in body but mostly in mind for the sins of the whole World. Mans strongest Idea of His agony, is as incomplete as it is of infinite space or Power. Holyness of heart and Hope of immortality, are the only objects worthy of very urgent pursuit in this transitory World.

30.2 inches

Feb. 13th. Continues foggy and dark. No Observations.

The Coast of Chili.

1845

Feb. 14th Friday, Lat. by Double Altitudes 37"11 S. Lon 105"10 W. Weather cloudy wind to the S. E. Under double reefs. Coarse for the last three days East. dis. 320 miles. Latter part very moderate; wind to the east. Lat. 35"47 S. Lon. by Ch. 104"28 W
Bar 30,2 Lon. by Lunar Sun. 104"25 W. by Jupiter 104"24 W.

30,1 Feb. 15th Sat. Light from the East, and fair. At night calm. Overhauled and fitted the Wheel Blocks. Lat. 35"23 S.

Feb. 16th Sun. Moderate breeze
30,05 from the North and cloudy. Painted gang-way and sky-light. At night all sail out steering to the East.
29.85 Latter strong: In topgallantsails and double reefed fore & mizzen topsails. Dark and rainy. No Obs.

Feb. 17th Mon. Fresh from the North with rain. Steering E by S. true. Middle some lightning and squalls. Latter part Cloudy.
Lon. 97"10 W. Lat. 35"52 S. Lon. 97"10 W.

Feb. 18th Tues. Moderate from the West. Painting the Cabbin.
29,9. Co. E¼S. dis. 96. Lon by C. 94"55 W. by Ch. 95"00.

Feb. 19th Wedns. Light and baffleing. Painted the plankshear &c.

Ship Hector Howards

1845

Feb. 20th Thurs. Lat. 30.09 S. 92.50 W. Fresh breeze from N.W. and clear. All sail out. This is the first good wind that we have had since coming out of the trades, attended with good weather. The seas rise here very quick and continue long owing to the great extent of Ocean. Latter rainy. Co. E b N. 180. Lat Acc. 35.36 S. 89.10 W.

Feb. 21st Friday. Wind out to the South. Two men down with pain in the side and breast. Blooded one; this apperation is getting to common: dont like the job. It relieved the patient from pain however in a few moments. Latter part light. Co. N. E b E. 162. Lat. 34.46 S. Lon. 86.24 W. Massafuero E b N. distant 290 miles.

Feb. 22d Sat. Begins with calm. Middle and latter part fine from W.N.W. Island E b N. dis. 239 m. Lat. 34.33 S. 85.19 W.

Feb. 23d Sun. Begins with moderate breeze and cloudy from N. Westerly; Latter wind out to the south. Steering E b E. Lat. 34.10 S. Lon. 88.00 W.

Feb. 24th Mon. Fine weather. Fell in with the Ship Niger Capt Gray, 7 mo. 280 bbls sp on board. This is the first inteligence that we have received since leaving home. It is indeed a very fortunate circumstance, that we should fall in with them at this time. They bring some letters and papers and much news, all very acceptable. The Tiger is a beautiful Ship and the fastest sailer, probably, in this Ocean. A.M. steering to the S.W. in company with the Tiger. 34.09 S. 83.00 W.

Feb. 25th Tues. Fresh from the South. In company with the Peruvian Capt. Folger 5 mos. 100. Also the Tiger. Capt Gray on board: Spent the eveng; talked about matters and things in general and some in particular. A.M. Standing to the East. Several ships in sight. Lat. 34.11 S. Lon. 82.58 W.

Feb. 26th Wedns. At night shortened sail. Wind fresh from the south. A.M. raised Maſsafuero bearing E.b.N. distant 50 miles. At Noon, 30 by Est.

Feb. 27th Thurs. Wind S.S.E. and fresh. Standing to the East. The Tiger was in sight yesterday morning steering about N.E. We have not seen him since. Now this is too cruel: so short a gam, and we so lately from home, and just married into the bargain; but we both want whales more than wives here. I believe however that matrimony often tends to harden the heart, and make people selfish and unsocial, unless one sits listens to sweet sound my wife, like patience on— pain.

Off Massafuero & Juan
1845.

Sat. 29th Feb. Lat. 33.00 S. Lon. 79.09 W. Juan Fernandez. South dis. 40 miles or thereabouts. Almost a gale from the South. Took in fore and mizzen topsails at dark. It is now nearly nine months since we left the Coast that Cortes saw and Conquered.

March 3d Mon. We have had almost a gale from S.S.E. for nearly a week. At night hove to under close reefed topsails and fore sail. Lat to day obsd. 33.42 S. Lon. 78.30 W. by D. R.

March 4th Tues. Weather quite moderate but cloudy. Massafuero just in sight. At night shortened sail. Latter nearly calm.

March 5th Wedns. At sunset Mass. bore S. E. by Compass dis. 40 miles.

March 6th Thurs. Moderate from the South. Lowered and caught a blackfish. Mass. dis. 20 miles S. E.

March 7th Friday. Moderate from the South, East. At night off Juan Fernandez. dis. 2 or 3 miles.

March 8th Sat. Lat. 33.37 S. Lon. 77.40 W. Moderate from S.S.E. and fair. Saw a sail to the S. E.

Fernandez. Port of Tulcahuana.
1845

March 9th Sun. Lat. 34"00 S. Lon. 75"37 W.
Light from the southern board. Steering
in towards the coast. Nearly calm.

March 10th Mon. Lat. 35"00 S. Lon. 74"55 W.
Tulcahuana S E ½ S dis. 120 miles. At 6
P.M. nearest land East distant 90 miles.
At 11 A.M. saw Island Quiriquina bearing
S. S. E. distant by estimation, 25 miles.

March 11th Tues. Fresh SW b S and
clear. At 7½ p.m. came to anchor in
14½ fathoms muddy bottom, Quiriquina bearing
about W. S. W. dist. 3 or 4 miles. Wind light
from South westerly. Furled the sails. Saw
two ships go in soon after noon. At
daylight got under way. About 1 P.
M. came to anchor in the harbour
of Talcahuano. Nine ships lying
here and among them the Callao.

March 12th Wedns. At daylight hove up
and hauled in to a snugger birth. Starboard
watch on liberty. Commenced painting.

March 13th Thurs. Moderate from the
South. Painting. Larboard watch on shore.

March 14th Friday. Moderate from the west.
Starboard watch on shore. Blacked the bends.

March 15th Sat. 9 P.M. blow-
ing fresh from the North.

Port of Talcahuano.

1845

March 16th Sun. Blowing fresh from the North. Let go 2d Anchor and sent down top gallants yards. Ship Spartan draged nearly ashore. warped off.

March 17th Mon. Moderate from the North. Sent up topgallant yards: hove up St Anchor. Watch ashore. Violent teeth ached: some moderated.

Mar. 18th Tues. Wind to the North. Callao got under way and pass'd Isle Quiriquina at half past 3 P.M.

Mar. 21st Friday. Fresh from the south. Just arrived from the City of Conception, or as the the Natives call it Concecion. I stayed there two nights and slept 4 hours out of the whole time, fleas and bed bugs in abundence. Saw the great good friday nocturnal, praying procession; the immage of St. Mary opposite to which was a Saint, dressed like the other in golden attire, and ornamented with a stout pair of mustachios and whiskers. I saw the old gray headed Bishop. He has a dozen children which pass for relations. The Priests also follow his holy example. The old gentleman did not make his visit to the different Churches, as last year the boys stoned him.

Sailed. Down the Coast.

1845.

Mar. 28th Friday. At ½ past 6 A.M. got under way with a light breeze from the South, in company with Ship Spartan and bark Damon. At 4 P.M. passed Island Quiriquina. We stowed the chains. Wind light from the South West and thick fog. We have shipped, in all, eight men.

Mar. 29th Sat. Moderate and foggy. At 7 A.M. fog lighted. Ship Spartan ahead, Bark Lucy Penniman on our weather beam. We have onboard 300 bbls water, 40 bbls potatoes, 2000 onions, 7 sacks beans ¼ beef, 2 sacks apples, 1 sack Chili nuts, plenty of beef pork, flour and bread, 6 boats, with all the clutteries for taking Sperm oil. This day a young Portuguese, Joseph Maria by name, has come aft to steer the starboard boat. He is a pretty likely fellow, and may make a husband for some destitute Vineyard lady.

Mar. 30th Sun. Steering to the westward. Fresh from the South and foggy. At 4 P.M. washed off. Latter cloudy. Lat. 35.05 S. Lon. 73.14 W.

Mar. 31st Mon. Begins with moderate from the west. Tacked to the South. Spartan went out of sight to the S.W. Lat. 34.25 S. Lon. 75.57 West.

Ship Hector from
1845

April 1st Tues. Begins
with fresh breeze from the S
and fair. Steering N.N.W.
Latter broke out for slops and sup
plied the new comers. Lat. 32.09 S.

April 2d Wednes. Fresh from
the south and fair. Nothing
seen worthy of note. A.M. painted
the larboard boat. Lat. 30.20 S. 75.40 W.

Apr. 3d Thurs. Moderate &
fair. Ripping up an old fore top
sail. A.M. saw a sail ahead. Some
birds &c. Lat. 28.21 S. Lon. 76.40 W.

Apr. 4th Friday. Begins with mod
erate weather painted starboard and
bow boats. At night took in the
fore & M. topgallantsails A.M. unbent
the mizen topsail. Lat. 26.53 S 77.20 W

Apr. 5th Sat. Moderate trades
and cloudy. Repairing the M.T.
topsail. Steering N, N, E. 9 among
the ships company have in one
form or other, the bodys fever. the
Medicine chest is in great demand.

Apr. 6th Sun. Lat. 24.37 S. Lon. 75.37 W.
Fine trades. Steering N b East. All
sail out. Latter Cloudy. Fresh
trades. in fore & Mizen. Topgt. and
flying jib. Heavy swell from the south

Talcahuano Towards Paita.

1845

April 7th Mon. 22"15 S. 74"25 W. Fresh trades: steering N.N.E. People at leisure as usual. "And I will break the pride of thy Power and make thy Heaven as iron and Earth as brass." Lev. 26th. This was promised to the stiff necked Israelites, if they should practice heathen abominations, and I believe it holds good, at the present day throughout the world. In truth, many of these judgments are natural results of the breach of natural laws; a consequence, which we have just as much reason to expect as we have that the sun will rise. At noon Lat. 20"18 S. 75"13 W.

Apr. 8th. Tues. Repairing the mainsail. At night luffed to under topsails and jib. A.M. made sail. Cloudy. No Obs.

Apr. 9th. Wedns. Moderate trades and fine but cloudy. Raised the Land. At night shortend sail and put out the Larboard boat.

Apr. 10th Thurs. Nearly Calm. Passed an English brig. Prepared for stowing down & coopering. Lat. by obs. 18"25 S. Land dist. 45 miles. Andes visible with their snowcapped peaks.

Ship Hector Off Arica.
1845.

Apr. 11th Friday. Lat. 18.14 S 72.30 W. Light airs, from the Eastward. Broke out larboard side forward main hatch way, for the purpose of coopering.

April 12th Sat. Lat. 18.06 S. 72.45 W. Continued Coopering the oil. Spoke a Spanish Brig 48 days from Callao. Supplied them with water and beef.

April 13th Sun. 17.18 S. 73.35 W. Washed off. All sail out steering to the Westward. Abundance of small fish around the ship. The Cannacs are having fine times. At Noon Coast distant 40m.

April 14th Mon. Lat. 16.29 S. At night double reefed the taps. Fresh trades and Cloudy. "Who is there that will shew us any good?" Psalms. IV. 6th. A.M. Continued Coopering. Lat. 15.43 S. 77.12.

Apr. 15th Tues. Fine weather. Running before the wind and coopering. Lay to through the night.

Apr. 16th Wednes. Lat. 15.18 S 78 W. Coopering. At night luffed to N.E.

Apr. 17th Thurs. Lat. 14.15 S. 78.30 W. Fine moderate weather. Coopering.

Off Callao: the City of Kings.

1845

April 18th Friday. Lat. 14.00 S. Moderate fine weather. Finished coopering the mainhatchway and washed off. Luffed to for the night.

April 19th Sat. Moderate trades. At night luffed to under topsails. At daylight kept off to West.

April 20th Sun. Lat. 12.26 S. 80.50 W. At 4 P.M. washed off. See blackfish flying fish, squid &c. Of the sick, some are gaining others loosing. At night luffed to. Fresh trades and fair. A.M. kept off to N. W. Lat. 11.53 S. Lon. 82.01 W.

April 21st. Mon. Moderate fine weather. At night shortened sail. See porpoises, blackfish, sunfish, swordfish, cowfish, flying fish, some birds and a turtle. Full Moon: hope to see whales soon.

April 22d Tues. Lat. 10.43 S. 83.26 W. Steering to the North. Took in sail at night. Saw scraps &c. Took up the Potatoes; found them some rotten. Lat. 8.43 S. Lon. 81.48 W.

April 23d Wedns. Fresh trades. Repairing the maintopsail.

Off Paita. Peru.

1845

April, 24th Thurs. Moderate but hazy. Repaired the Starboard boat. At night double reefed. Saw the Islands Lobos. Lat. 7 South. 81.00 W.

April. 25th Friday. At night hauled to off Paita Head. Fresh trades. A.M. beating in to the harbour. At Noon went on shore.

April 26th Sat. Lying off Paita. Discharged John D. Bill on account of sickness. At sunset passed the point Steering West. A.M. made sail. Lat. 4.44 S. 83. W.

April 27th Sun. Steering West. Saw black fish. 4.15 S. 85 W.

April 28th Mon. Moderate, changeable, with some rain. Steering West. Noon. Lat. 4.15 S. Lon. 87.30 W.

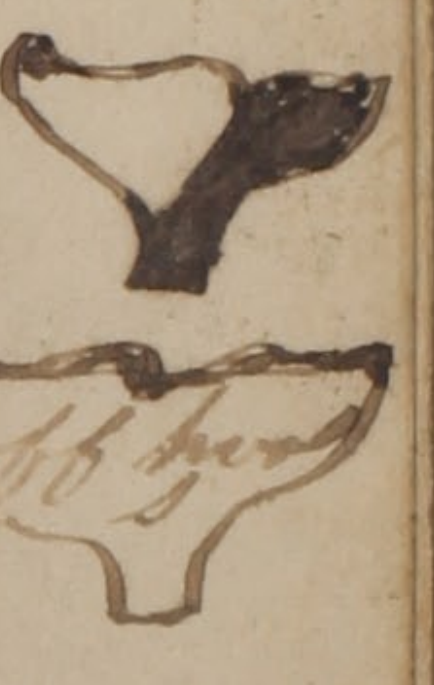
April. 29th Tues. Some rain. Wind frequently out to N.E. Cooper and carpenter at work. Latter thunder and lightning with rain. Hove to. No Obs.

Apr. 30th Wedns. Wind from W.S.W. to South with rain. 6 P.M. S.S.E. Latter fine weath.

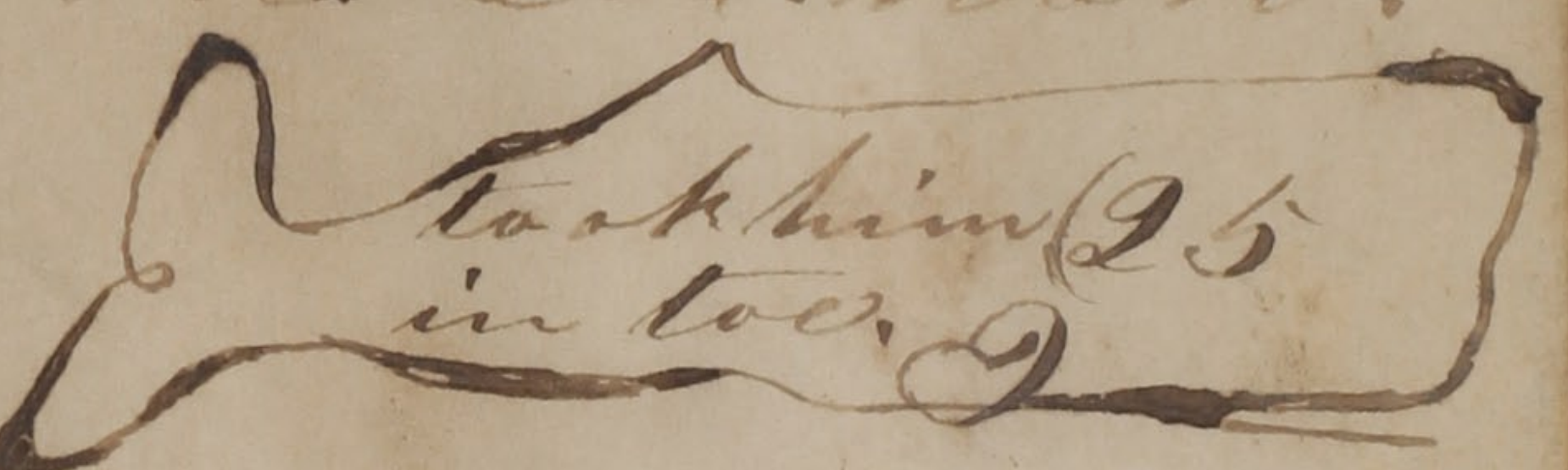
Towards the Islands.

May 1st Thurs. 1845. Lat. 2"36 S. Lon. 88"50 W. Steering N.W. Weather moderate and cloudy.

May 2d Friday. Raised the Gallapagos Islands. Saw a shoal of whales to the S.E. of Hoods going to windward. One ship in sight steering towards Chatham. At night in topgallantsails. At ½ past 9 A.M. saw breaches. At ¼ past 11. lowered for whales, south of Hoods. 15 miles.



May 3d Sat. At 9 p.m. hauled a whale astern. Whales in sight till sunset. A ship to leeward & one at anchor at Hoods Isl. harb. Whales not plenty. A.M. cut him in.



May 4th Sun. Fresh trades. Boiling. Three ships in sight. Spoke the Alfred Tylor, Reed of Edgartown. Only one letter for us & that was sent from N. Bedford.

May 5th Mon. Went on shore at Black Beach in company with Capt. Reed. Baing at 9 P.M.

May 6th Tues. Off South Head. Two ships to leeward.

Ship Hector Stewards
1845

May, 9th Friday. 60 miles dis. from Narborough Island. We went into Weather bay, found wood plenty on the weather shore. Spoked the Bark Equator. Discovered by chanse, the entrance to a Lagoon, which is perfectly smooth, quite picturesk, and surrounded with mangrove. The entrance is only wide enough for a boat and can be passed loaded at half tide.

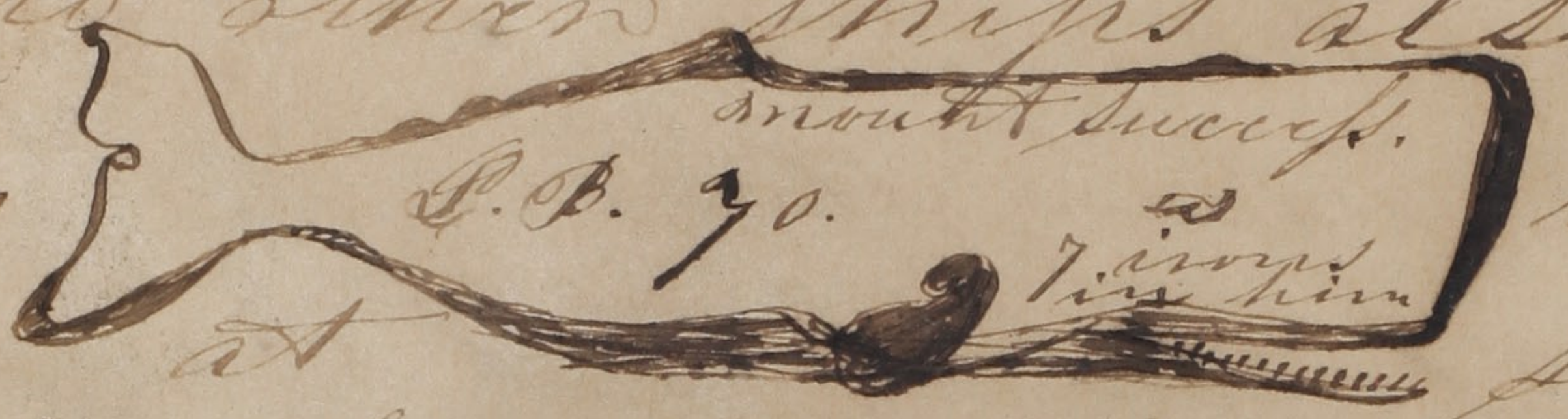
May 10th Sat. Lat. 2"22 S. Lon. 94 W. Fresh trades and fine weather. Set up the fore stay. Sent down the M. Royal yard fitted it &c. Of Capt. Geo. Luce we purchased a binnacle and lamp to match. Supplied him with a spar for flyjibboom. He was bound to Indefatigable Island for Terrapin and other recruits. 4 S 96 W

May 11th Sun. Fresh trades & fine weather. Steering to the S.W. Overhauled our stock of Potatoes found them rotting badly. At 4 PM washed off the decks. At Sunset took in fore and mizzen topgallant sails.

May 14. Wednes. Fresh trades and squally. Passed a barke in 99. & a ship in 100. Lat. 5"40 S. Lon. about 101 W.

The Off Shore Ground.

1845

May 16th Friday. Lat. 5"16 S. Lon. 101"43 W. Noon Raised whales: lowered: two ships in sight: whales ran off to leeward: took up the boats: squared away: soon saw the whales again. At half past three, lowered: the other ships also lowered: boats struck. 
Smooth success.
S.P. 70.
7 irons in him
took him alongside at sunset. A.M. Cut in the whale. Signalised a ship, probably the Sarah Frances, N.B. late Gardner. Lat 4"44 S. Lon. 102"23 W.

May 20th Tues. Lat. 5"14 S. 103.05 W. Weather squally. Very strong trades nights, but more moderate days. Strong westerly current. Finished boiling on Sunday at night; turned up about 80. Saw a ship on the weather beam a day or two since. See flying-fish, Squid &c. Steering to the South. Some of the invalids appear to have got upon the gaining tack; others quite well. Under the Double reefs most of the time.

May 22d Thurs. Stowed off the mainhatchway. Lat. 5"53 S. Lon. 103"30 W. Weather still rugged. Dont talk of Society, or its enjoyments at Sea, for here its elements do not exist. I know these regrets are vain, tho true. Tis asked of me why then go to sea? I answer by asking another question; why should I stay upon the land? whats there for

Off Shore

1845

May 29th Thurs. Fresh trades Lat. 5.23 S. Lon. 103.04 W. Standing to the N. E. under topsails. Saw a ship steering off to the S.W. See plenty of flying fish and birds. and some scraps. The wind and sea are so moderate now that we can carry sail and works to windward.

May 32d Sun. Lat. 5.21 S. 102.36 W. Fresh trades. Middle squally with rain. Latter nearly calm. A ship in sight to the North. Lat. 5.13 S.

June 2d Mon. Wind from the South, baffling. At night double reefed the topsails. It is distressing for one who spends his sabbaths at sea, to dwell in thought upon the past, present or future. What hope has he who lives in open rebellion against the laws of Heaven, of ever arriving there to enjoy that sabbath which has no end. None, verily, in his own merits. There is no danger that he will ever trust to useless forms. His trust must be in Him who receives a constant tribute of praise from angels innumerable, and needeth not the praise of mortals. Is it the love of money that brought me here? no but the want of it, to make one in artificial Society. Yes I have felt the want of it when the oppressors foot has rested heavily on my young and feeble neck: verily they have their reward.

Off Shore

1845

June 4th Wednes. Lat. 5"25 S. 102"12 W. Fresh and fair. Spoke the Wm. Wirt, Morse N.B. 32 mos 2300. Seen whales 4 times in three weeks. Lat. 5"25 S. 102·50 W.

June 5th Thurs. Saw the abe ship chasing whales. Saw another ship boiling supposed to be the C. B. Jenny. At dark standing to the N. E. A.M. wore ship.

June 8th Sun. Lat 5"21 S. 101·30 W. Moderate with some light squalls. Turned out at half past 5 A.M. & got breakfast. Went on deck immediately after and cast a sorrowful glance at Sea and sky. Made some inquiries after the invalids. Took a few turns fore and aft the deck; thought in the mean time busy with the reflection that seafaring people in general are practical heathens, tho the fault is not always their own. We are bound to rivit our thoughts to Earth every day for years in the hope of gain. Went below and picked up some papers books &c. for the boys to read. At ½ past 9 went aloft and stoped till 7 bells; saw nothing worthy of note; came down to dinner. Worked the longitude by Chronometer. Read some in Percivals extracts. Wrote a few sentencies. Lounged some in a canvass hammock, Scolded Nat for being idle. Got supper at ½ past 5. At sunset double reefd, All hands cheerfull, dark.

Ship Hector Off

1845

June 13th. Friday. Lat. 25" 12 S. 101 W.
Weather for the last few days very squally, with a tremendious Sea. Lay nights under double reefs with Courses in: Pretty much concluded to haul in shore. Nothing seen like whales.

June 16th Mon. 2.35 S. 99.11 W. Lt.
Moderate fair weather: Steering to the N. E. by the wind. Nothing seen and nothing doing on board. We found the weather to boistrous, off shore, both for the ship & ourselves. Saw whales once only. Indeed for the most part a whale spout could not be seen over ½ a mile. Our old Sails &c would have blown away in a short time: & the hull, tho perfectly tight at present, is after all, nothing but wood and iron, and liable to fail when we least expect it. Lat. 1.53 S. Lon. 98.00 W.

June 17th Tues. Very fine Weather. Saw Scrags. Steering by the wind to the N. E. It is pleasant to have once more, a smooth sea light wind and clear sky, tho truly discouraging to go so long without whales.

18 mo Out

June 18th Wednes. Lat. 1.22 S. 96.40 W.
Spoke the James Allen. 8 mo 350. direct from the Islands. Saw a large whale whether sperm or not do not certainly know. It may have been one of the three that the bark Hesper struck and cut from: the Capt. was disabled with a broken leg: she has gone in.

Shore. Towards the Islands.

1846

Sat. 21st. June 1845. Lat. 2 S 100 W.

Strong trades and some sea, uncommon certainly in these parts. At night hove to. We have seen great numbers of flying fish since passing the meridian of 98 W. but nothing more, except blackfish porpoises and birds. In the morning, Sun. 22d. kept off to North. Lat. Noon. 1"20 S. 100"38 W. It was said by an Eastern Sage that "No life was pleasing to God but ~~that~~ which was usefull to Man." Still all usefull lives, may not be pleasing to God: tho no doubt all good and virtuous lives are pleasing to all good beings throughout the Universe. Every thing and person material has an end, and for that end it was created. O my Soul! evil as thou art, thou shalt have no end.—

1st "Keep silence all created things and wait
— your Makers nod; ~~"Truth will stand~~
My soul stands trembling while she sings
the honors of her God. ~~Error must~~
2d Life death and hell and worlds
— unknown, ~~fall" so we hope.~~
Hang on his firm decree;
He sits on no precarious throne,
Nor borrows leave to be."

3d Chained to his throne a volume lies,
~~With~~ all the fates of men,
With every angels form and size,
Drawn by the Eternal pen.

On the Lord towards.

"His providence unfolds the book,
And makes his counsels shine;
Each opening leaf and every stroke,
Fulfills some deep design.

Here he exalts neglected worms,
To sceptres and a crown;
And there the following page he turns,
And treads the monarch down.

Not Gabriel asks the reason why,
Nor God the reason gives;
Nor dares the favorite angel pry,
Beneath the folded leaves.

Yet thy fair book of life and grace,
O may I find my name;
Recorded in some humble place,
Beneath my Lord — the Lamb."

The beginning of this hymn is on the preceding page; and the truth it contains is seen throughout the whole creation of God, from the smallest brit to the largest whale that laves deep down in the blue and ever restless element. thence to double natured man: from little atoms to worlds unnumbered. The reader will please to pardon my blunders at the begining: they represent the state of my mind. At first I intended to copy two lines only, then the verse and finally the whole hymn. Methinks it never found itself in such rude copy before.

Cruising Off Shore.

1845

June 24th Tues. Fresh trades and fine weather. On the line in 101 W. Nothing seen. At night hauled to the South. Heavy swell. A.M. squally. Lat. 0"50 S. Lon. 101"34 W. Painted the two spare boats. Cloudy.

June 25th Wedns. Fresh trades and squally. Standing to the south under top-sails. Lat. 2.47 S. Lon. 102.20 W.

June 26th Thurs. Under single reefs. At night veered to the E.S.E.

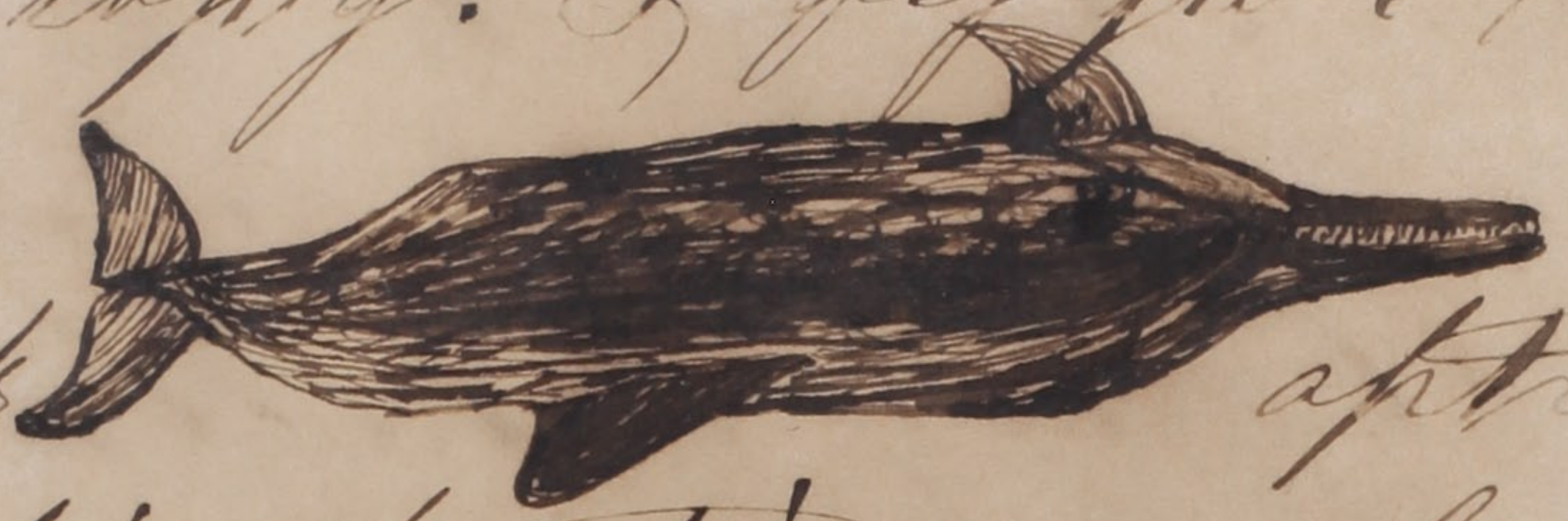
June 27th Friday. Fresh Trades. "My God I would not long to see, my fate with curious eyes; What gloomy lines are writ for me, Or what fair scenes may rise". — Some of the invalids are quite well; some growing better; and others worse. I know little about the world, but that little O how well I know.

June 28th Sat. Lat 2 S Lon. 101"40 W. Strong and squally. Doubled reefed the tops. A.M. turned out one reef. 0"47 S. 99"45 W.

June 29th Sun. Fresh trades, steering by the wind to the E.S.E. Saw black-fish. People at leisure. Lat. 0"40 N. 98"35 W.

June 30th Mon. Fresh breeze and cloudy. Lat. 1"30 N. Lon. 97"18 W. Saw porpoises and flying fish.

Ship Hector Around the Line,
1846

July 1st Tues. Fresh trades. Set main topg. & fly jib. Caught two porpoises.  here is one as he lay on deck after being struck: poor fellow, his sportive gambols are all ended: never again will he lash, with tiny tail, the wave, in immitation of his great prototype nor, like him, breath air and skim along the sea. 96 W. 1.46 N.

July 2d Wednes. At night double reefed the topsails: very rugged. 1.17 N. 94.37 West Lon.

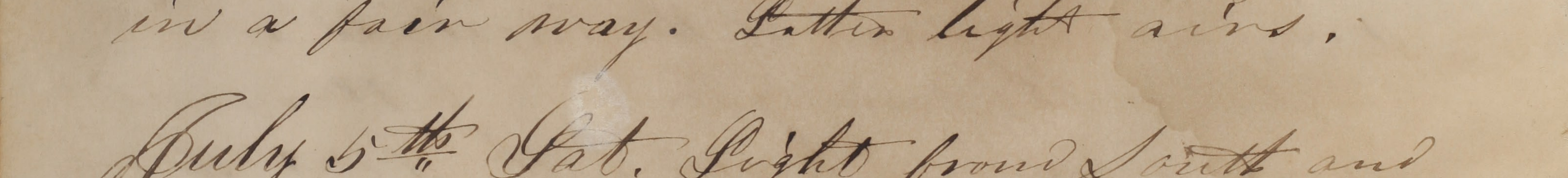
July 3d Thurs. Lat. 0.58 N. Lon. 93.50 W.

July 4th Friday Moderate and fine, At night single reefed. Wenmans Isl. E¾N. dis. 100 miles at 6 P.M. by Chron. All well now except two and they are in a fair way. Latter light airs.

July 5th Sat. Light from South and cloudy. At 6 P.M. Wenmans E½N. dis. 70 miles. Saw a ship to the eastward. Scoured up all the muskets but did not fire.

July 6th Sund. Light trades and pleasant. Spoke the Geo. Porter, Arthur. 21 mo. 1000 barrels. Wenmans At 6 P. P.M. N.E.b.E. 25 miles. In topgallantsails. Three ships in sight. A.M. Point Albemarle in sight. dis. 50 miles.

Wenmans Isl.



S b W 7 miles distant. Plenty Fish on the lee side.

Towards Culpepper. Wenmans.

1845

July 7th Mon. Moderate trades and fair. Went in with 2nd boat on the N. W. Side of Wenmans Island and caught a fine lot of rock-cod.

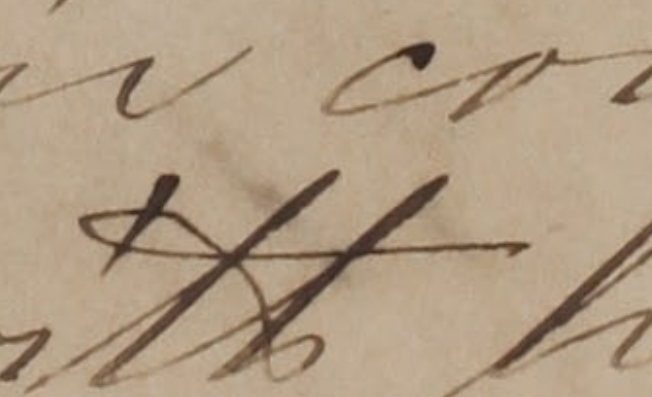
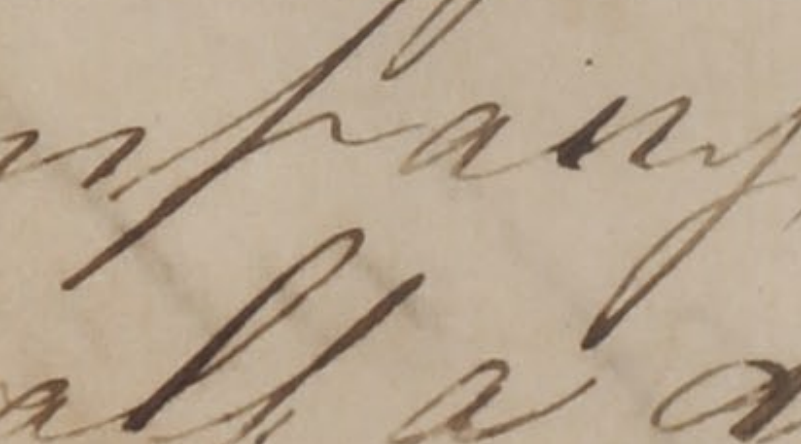
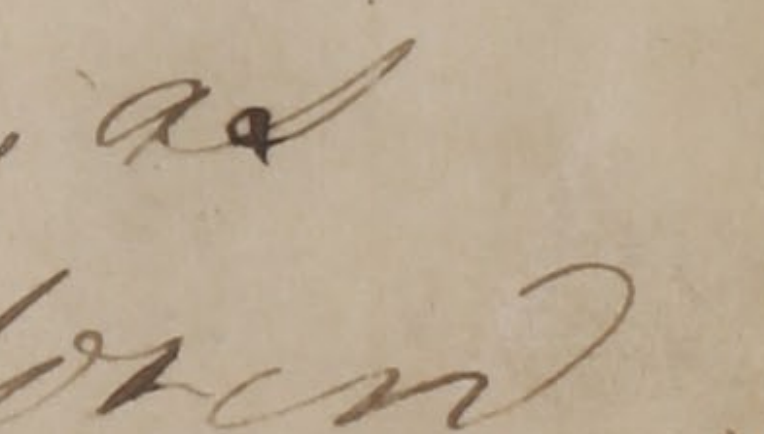
July 8th Tues. Gam'd with the bark Damon of New Port, Potter.

July 9th Wedns. Moderate fine weather standing to the eastward. Saw a sail to windward, also 1 scrag.

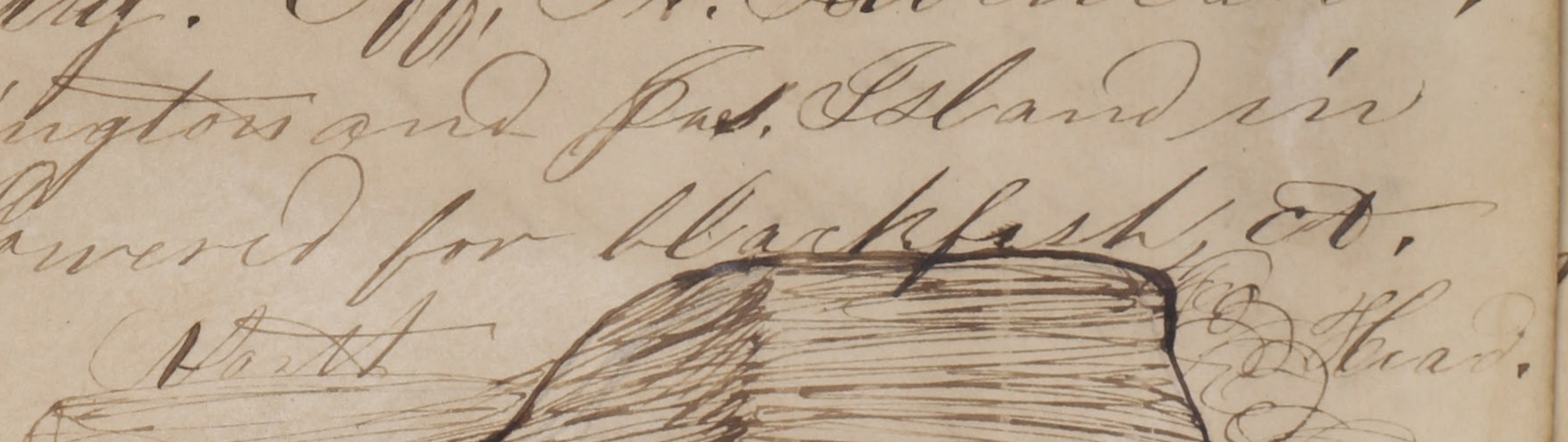
July 11th Friday. At 6 P. M. nearly Calm. Albemarle in sight. S. E. dis. 50 m.

July 12th Sat. Off the rock. One ship in sight off Point Albemarle.

July 13th Sun. Off North Head. Gam'd with the Alfred Tylor, 8 mo. 1st. Edgtn.

July 16th Wednes. At night off the rock. Shortened sail. Yesterday we chased whales all day, in company, as usual in this place, with half a dozen ships. Caught nothing.  very  wild. 

12 mo. Out. July 18th Friday. Off, Pt. Albemarle, with the Rock, Ablington and Jas. Island in sight at Noon. Lowered for blackfish, &c. and Porpos.

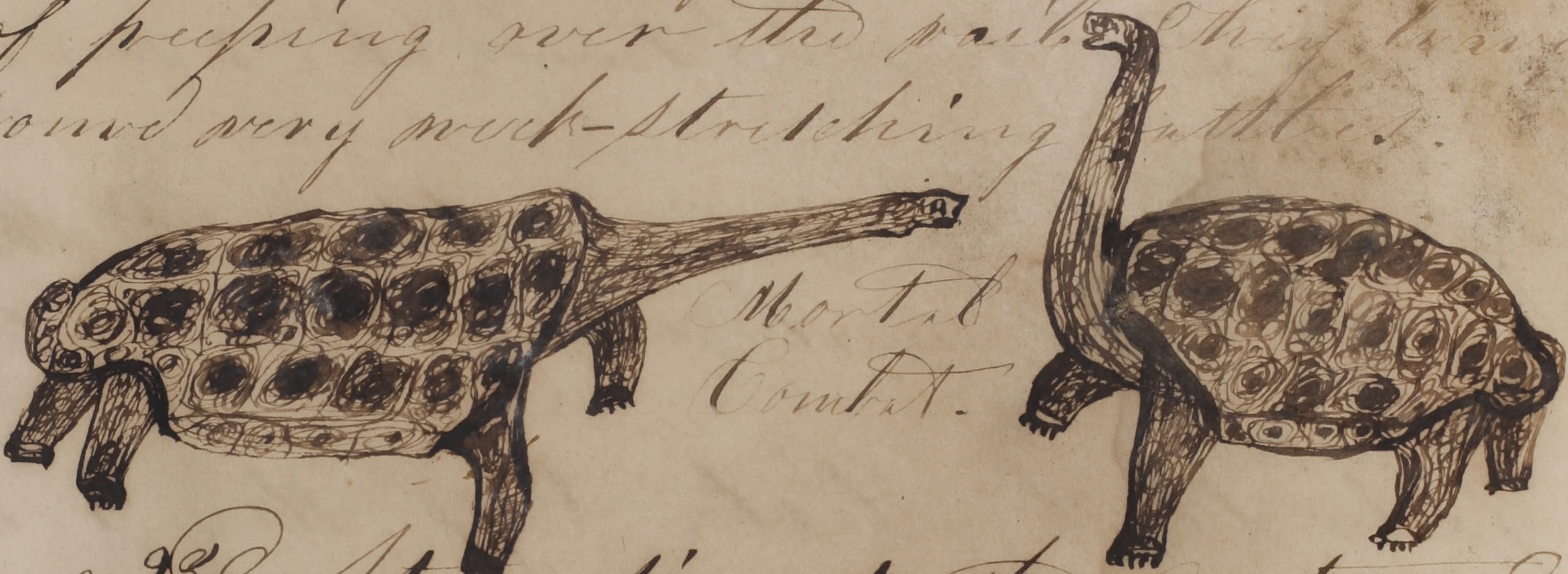


Of Albemarle Island.

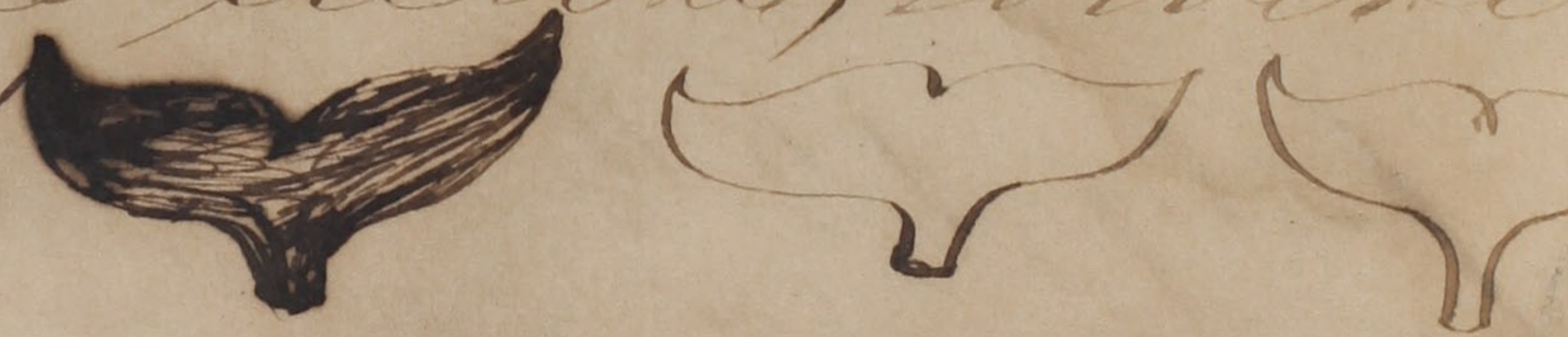
Off the Gallapagos Islands, 1845

July 19th Sat. Went on shore at Abbingtons Weather side, and took 20 terrapins of the largest size.

July 22d Mon. Went on shore as above and took 16 terrapins. making in all 36 in two days, and only ~~one~~ three cows among them, now don't be fastidious, all the rest are, in plain english, Bulls, capable, most of them, of peeping over the rail. They have some very neck-stretching battles.

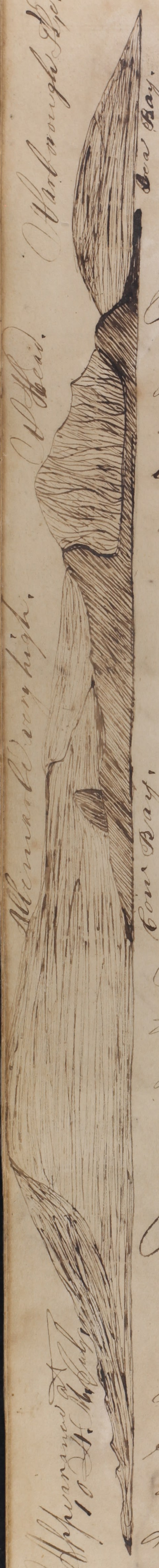

Mortal
Combat.

23d Standing to the eastward.

July 26th Sat. 50 miles east of Tower island: saw whales at sunset and, as usual, lowered without success. 

July 31st Thurs. Stood in to 85 W. Lat. 0.30 S. and tacked to the S.W.

Aug 3d Sun. 40 miles south of the Islands. Moderate but some squalls. Shortened sail for the night. We are now more than four months out of Port and have seen whales four times under circumstances to lower: caught two.


Appearance at 10 A.M. July
Albemarle very high.
N Head.
Narborough Isd.
Cow Bay.
Sea Bay.

Off Weather Bay.

Aug 6th Wednesday, Raised 1845
whales at 11. Half past lowered.
Caught two and cut and in be
fore 7. One Stoven boat (Bow) as usual
and another very near to it. Waist
boat Struck and broke an iron.
Large gam of whales that went
off to windward.

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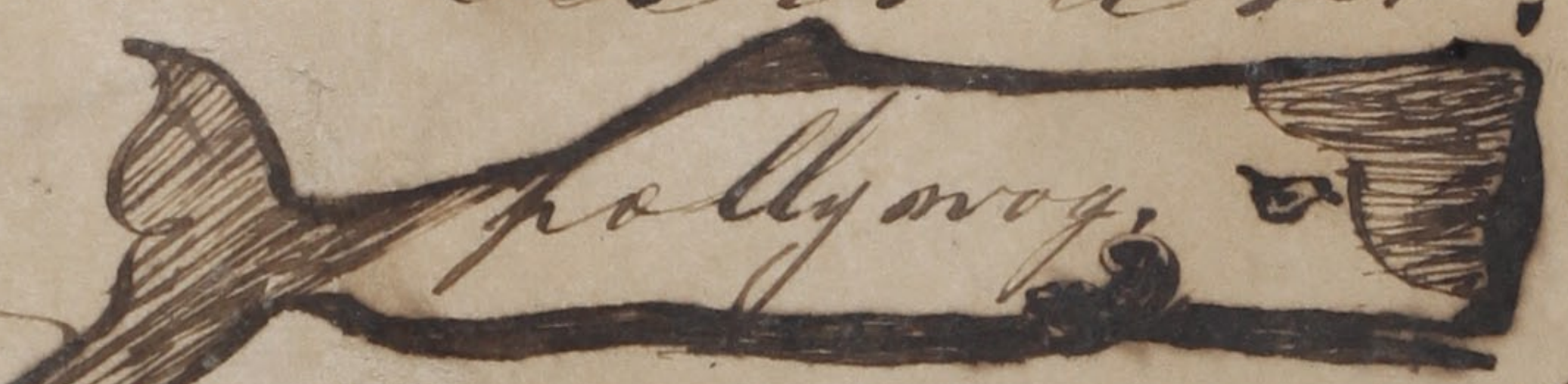

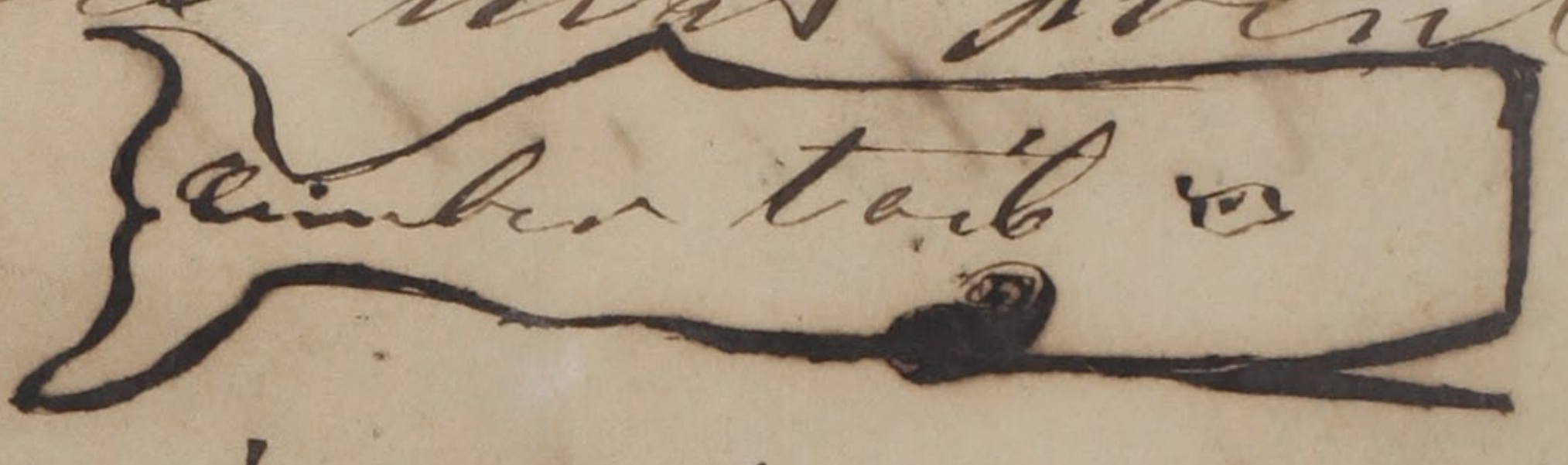

Cut in the other.

Aug. 10th Off Weather Bay. Fresh
trades and fine. Vain is the con-
fidence of man. According to the
present state of ship government we are
obliged to reverse the Gospel injunction,
and render evil for evil. Instead of
turning the other cheek when one
is smitten, we must smite again
with tenfold fury. Sunday at Sea.

Aug 11th Mon. Boats ashore after
wood. Saw a shoal of whales come
in to the Bay. and pass on for So-
uth head. Lowered two boats &c.

Aug. 12th Tues. Took onboard 6
boats of wood; towards a dozen seal
skins, and a lot of fresh-fish. Off at dark.

Aug. 15th Sat. Off W Head.
This day raised that domestic
fabric, called a Swift
Several ships and barks in sight.

Off Sea Bay.

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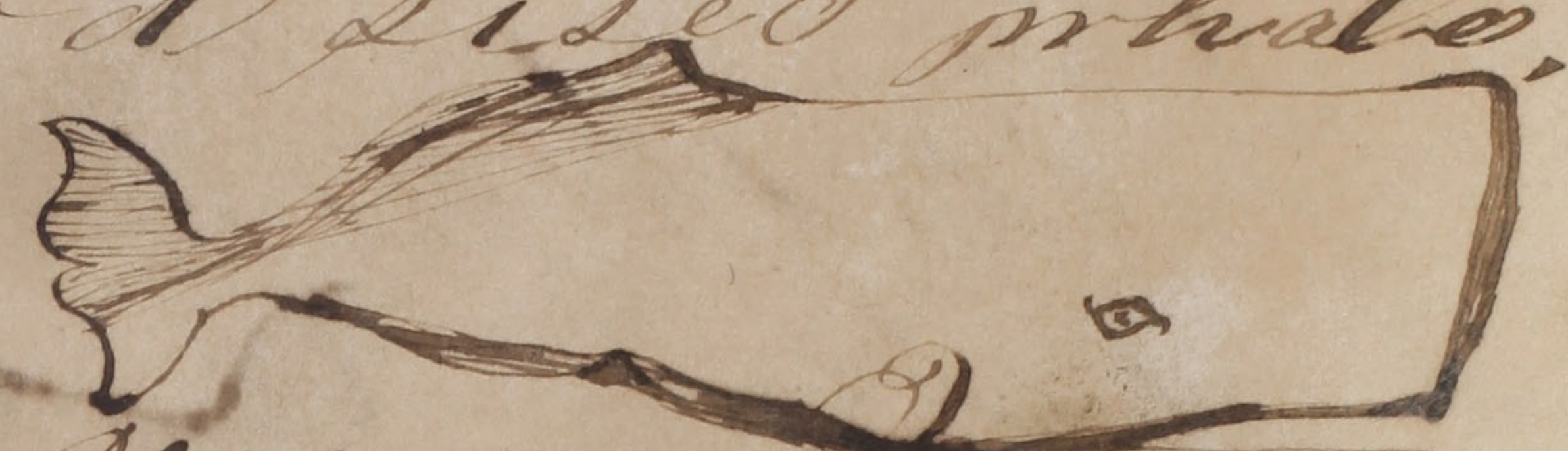
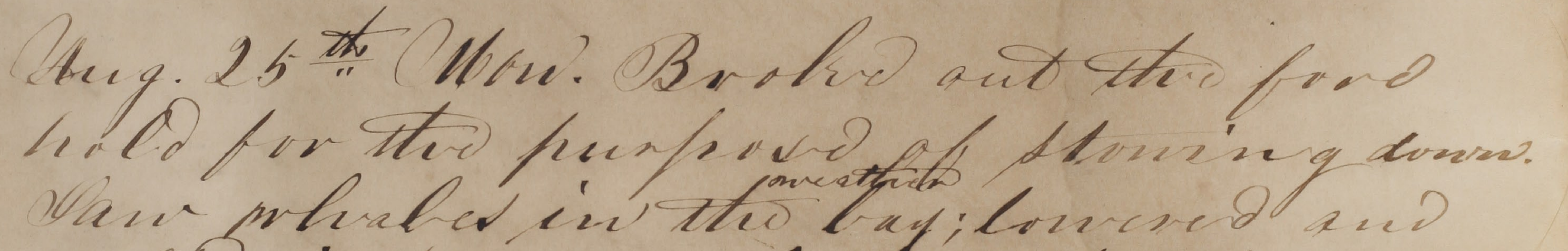
Aug. 18th Mon. Gamed with the Bark Equator Off weather Bay. 21st At 2 P.M. lowered for a large body of whales but stove. Struck one which took a line; another and drawed: a third & saved him a good sised whale. A.M. cut him in.



Aug. 22d Friday. Finished cutting. Saw Abigail. & Aye, former cutting a small whale; board...

Aug. 24th Sun. Gamed with the Aye.

Aug. 25th Mon. Broke out the fore hold for the purpose of stowing down. Saw whales in the weather bay; lowered and pulled in, it being calm: the Aye also lowered. Struck two very large whales and took them alongside; they ought to make 100 bbls apiece. It is now Wednesday night: finished cutting the last head this fore noon: During the time we have bin three times close in on the weather side of Narborough. Lowered the boats twise to tow the ship off.



P.S. This whale appeared to have gotten his growth. old squid-eater.

The water was so dark, or thick, that a whale could not be seen in it below the surface. We were greatly favored both with the weather and wind.

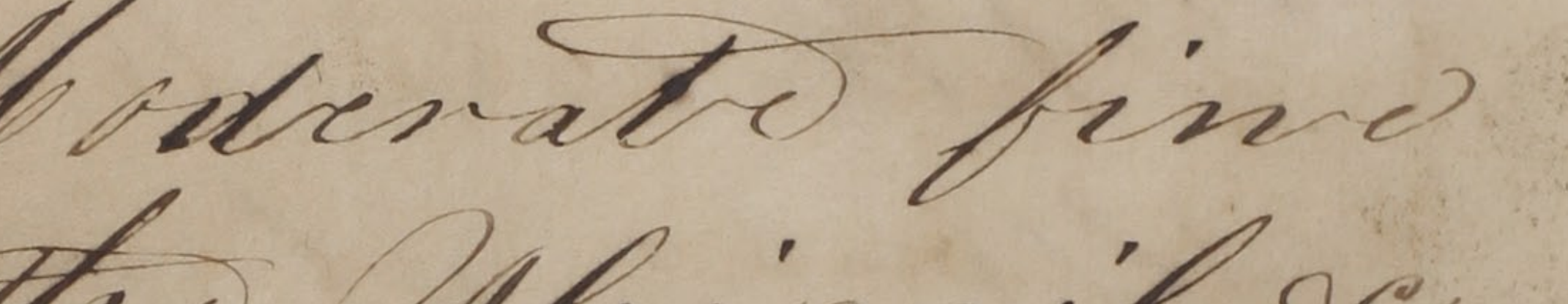
Off the Gallapagos Islands.

Aug. 29th Friday. Off lee bay. Finished boiling. Spoke the E. L. B. Jenney, 33 mo. 1900. Cap Church. He was 22 mo. 600. So we need not be discouraged yet. Saw the Nye to windward chasing whales. Came home at 7 pm

Aug 31st Sunday. Moderate fine weather. Gamed with the Abigail, & Almira of Edgartown. 26 mo. 1100.

Sept 2d. Tues. Off Narborough. Finished stowing down &c.

Sept 5th Friday. Off Weathr bay. Gamed with the Mobile. 13 mo. 600 onboard.

Sept. 6th Sat. Noon, Raised whales Off weather bay; Caught two before night.  Took them in toe under topsails. Saw our ship to leeward it out.

Sept 7th Cut in the whales

Sept. 8th Mon. Off S. Head. Mobile, to windward & our sail to E.

Sept 11th Thurs. Off S. Head. Aoved down the bast fair. Pass'd the Ships Alfred Tyler, Nye and Mobile. Weather moderate. Nothing seen but Porpoises. and Ships. Gamed with the Alfred Tyler about the ridian 12th.

Ship Hector Off the Gallap

Sept. 14 Sunday. At Sunset went onboard the Sh. Alfred Tyler for a gam; returned at 11 p.m. They are just out of Tacamus where they obtained wood water fruit &c.

Sept. 17th Wednes. Fresh trades. Still cruising off S. Head. Saw the Alfred Tyler to leeward. Sound Ser-ags in sight. Often the merest trifle leads to important decisions: to day we opened a box of tobacco, which proved good: had it proved bad, I should have called the man who sold it a rogue; but now we say he is a fine fellow and very honest. In other words, we take this box of tobacco as a test of the man's character and approve or condemn accordingly. This is illogical but sailors commonly reason, without reason.

Sept 19th Friday. Off Narborough. Gam'd with the Alfred Tyler. Borrowed a boarhog from them in order to profit by his professional services. Nothing seen worthy of note.

Sept 20th Sat Off the Rock Redondo, a Spanish word which signifies round. Obtained several sights for the Chronometer.

agos Islands. Cruising for 1845.

Sept 24th Wednesday. One hundred miles N. E. of Chatham Island. Pass'd to leeward of all except Albington. Lat 0.01 S. 87.40 W. Standing Eastward with all sail out. Some fog and rain: wind light.

Sept. 25th Thurs. Fresh trades and hazy. Lat. 0.59 S. Lon. 85.55 W.

Sept. 26th Friday Fresh trades. At Night double reef'd Nothing seen. Weather fair but No Obs. for lat by 2.1 84 W. Employed on the Rigging. Cloudy.

Sept. 27th Sat. Weather thick and squally: No Observations.

Sept 28th Sun. At 9 A.M. raised the land. At Noon Pt St Elena bore North 20 miles.

Oct. 1st. Wednes. Off Tumbez. Spoke the Almira. Went in and anchored on monday; came out this morning. They will not permit a ship to lay there in peace. Land 40 m. We took off one raft water and Sun. flgt.

Oct 3rd Friday. Soon after dark let go the anchor in 10 fathoms water in Guyaquil bay. Tum. bears S S W.

Oct, 4th Sat. took onboard from a small lighter, 82 bbls Potatoes, and made sail from Tumbez without one small regret.

Coast of Equador S.A.

1845

Oct. 5th Sun. Off Point St. Elena. At sunset took in all but the topsails, and hauled to off shore. Point N.N.E 17m. One of the men Jose Maria was discharged in Tumbez: he is a native of this country of Indian extraction.

Oct. 6th Mon. Went on shore at St. Elena. This Point when seen from a distance 15 to 30 miles appears like a small island with flat top, being connected to the main by low land, which is dangerous of approach, from the South or West. We landed at an indian village on the lee side, as there are some two or three westward of the town landing, or Port as the creoles call it. A small vessel was there at anchor or we should never have made the discovery. A house or two is all that can be seen from the beach. We landed and were received with great show of kindness and urbanity, by a company of swarthy bipeds of both sexes, who had assembled to gratify their curiosity in witnessing the discharge of said vessels cargo. It consisted of some eatables, fish and vegetables, and a lot of course earthen ware, probably to serve it up in. The City is situated some 2 miles inland at the upper part of the bay and contains about 2000, creeping things, of different physical conformation and a variety of complexional shades, all along between white and black: gentlemen and—

Towards Silango. Ship Hector.

The vessel was from Guyaquil, the capital, between which place and this, there is considerable traffick. Nothing flourishes here in the vegetable kingdom in much perfection, but the case is somewhat different with respect to the animals. Among them all there was, on the beach, one pretty little brunett, with long dark eye-lashes &c. I will not attempt to describe, but must say that she stood alone in her glory!. She was delighted with the new things, and romped about the beach sand, while a (can you believe it) a slave held her hat, and she as a necessary consequence went bare headed. It cannot be many years since she met with the misfortune to discover her own beauty; but she was pretty. O a feeling of pity filled my breast for a moment; the thought passed my mind, that, The Negro and Circassian must, Assume and colour in the dust" before times silent, life-destroying blast, even she now so beautifull and gay, must melt away. Pirat.

As among the ladys so among the gentleman there was only one that attracted my particular regard. He was a stout middle aged gentleman, course featured, but not bad looking; his face covered with smiles; countenance expressive of good nature, and contentment; mouth open to wellcome us strangers; with kind words, and hands open to present us with fruit &c; from which I take the liberty to draw the conclusion that he is a comfortable old bachelor; or the happy father of brave sons, and chast daughters. There was one Frenchman, several cholas or indians, boys and women old men and maidens, a motley group, but very "civil and polite."

In the Port of Silango.

Oct. 7th Tues. At Noon anchored in the Port of Silango, with the weather house bearing E.S.E. West Point of the Island W.b.S.½ S. 9 fathoms hard bottom within musket shot of the shore. This place contains 7 houses, or more properly, sheds, and about 20 people. Near these shores the pearl oister is caught.

Oct. 13th Monday. Sailed from Silango. having onboard 1600 oranges, 49 bunches plantains, 6 bananas and 7 boat loads wood, and 800 bbls water. We found it very bad landing, got one boat stove and another capsised. Almost impossible to take any thing off during the three last days. It was full moon and flood tides. La Senoritas did not trouble us in visiting, with one or two exceptions. Our Canacas proved very servisable in taking off things through the surf. Wind for the most part fresh.

Oct. 17th Friday. Paint the boats bow and waist. Lat about 1.° So Lon. 86° W. In running down the shore from Pt. St Elena to Island de Salango, We saw several villages of some 30 houses each, situated near the shore, by a sand beach in valleys; landing at them would be dangerous if not quite impracticable on account of the surf. Here the bamboo cane flourishes in great abundance; also near Silango where we obtained several for boats masts. Nearly all the men came onboard before sailing, but their consorts were not disposed to do us that honor. the Surf.

Towards the Islands. Off the Same.

1845.

Oct. 25th Sat. In Company with the Alfred Tyler of Edgartown off the Rock. Sold him 15 bbls potatoes; or in the language of the Country Camotes. Thus we acted upon the principle of doing unto others &c. as he was entirely destitute while we have a plenty and to spare. We are not so self conceited as to suppose there is any merit in this act, but still, if all the world should go and do likewise" there would be less occasion for bars and locks and prisons vile, and manacles and chains that gall and waste away flesh, and make him curse in bitterness of soul, his own existence; yea, even, the Author of his being. All well onboard. Last evening I was onboard the Mariner of Nantucket Bay. Bbls 450, Capt. Luce was there,

Oct. 31st Friday. Lat. 5.14 S 102.30 W. Strong trades and rugged. Close reefed the topsails. Once more we are tumbling about off Shore; nothing yet in sight worthy of note. I intended ere this to have written a long story about our visit at the Islands and a certain General Mena & family who reside there but somehow it seems hard for me to muster the requisite force, perhaps the Subject is wanting in interest or what is the same my memory does not yet contain sufficient materials. The most probable reason is that my mind is ill at ease, which unfits one for story telling. The dark future may here be felt indeed, as was the darkness in Egypt.

Ship Hector. Off Shore.
1845.

Nov. 7th Friday. Lat. 5.42 S. Lon. 102 W. See Porpoises and blackfish. Yesterday after noon saw breaches to windward in Lat. about 5.20 S. Standing to the South under single reefs. Some squalls. Lat. 5.12 W.

Nov. 9th Sat. Lat. 6.00 S. Lon. 102.14 W. Standing to the South. Fresh breeze & fair.

Mon. 10th Nov. Lat 7.36 S. Lon. 102.50 W. Moderate and clear. Standing to the South. We have cruised from Lat. 5 to 8 South and found no whales, and seen but two ships. Shortened sail every night to save copper & canvass. At night the weather is remarkable fine, and the crew seem to be enjoying it with much glee. All hands are well except one of the Canawacs who is lame yet.

Nov. 12th Wednes. Lat. 8.18 S. 104 W. Fine weather. Fish and Porpoises. We have been South far as 10 Seven. Nothing worthy of note. 4 P.M. there is a Ship to windward running down — Spoked the Gen. Scott Dagget, 27 mo. 1500. Standing to the N. East.

Nov. 13th. Thurs. Lat. 6.60 S. 103.30 W. Fresh and fair. St out of sight. Nothing seen worthy of note. A.M. saw Ship.

Nov. 16th Sat. Lat. 5.02 S. Lon. 102.30 W. Moderate with some squalls see blackfish squid and porpoises.

Near the Line

1845.

Nov. 16th Sund. Lat. 2"38 S. 100·27 W. Steering North: at night luff'd to & shortened sail. Plenty of flying fish & squid.

23 mo Out. Nov. 18th Tues. Lat. 1·20 S. Lon. 101 W. Moderate breeze and cloudy. Some black fish. Yesterday wore ship in Lat. 40' south. No signs of whales to northward of 1° south. At night shortened sail.

Nov. 20th Thurs. Lat. 45' S. Yesterday, in company with the Gen. Scot. Daggett, He has done nothing since we saw him. At night shortened sail.

Nov. 22d Sat. Lat. 1·00 S. Lon. 105·25 W. Light trades and fair. Night hove to. Seen some blackfish and squid.

Nov. 23d Sund. Lat. 40 S. Lon 106·44 West By Lunar 106"38 W. Moderate and fair.

Nov. 26th Lat. 1"09 South. Lon. 110"40 W. Moderate: some rain yesterday. Carrying all sail day and night, in the hope of finding something in 4° or 5° S. See some blackfish, and scrags. We have cruised all the way from 100 to 110 on the line or near it without seeing whales. It is time to haul out of it.

Nov. 27th Friday. Lat. 3"40 S 113"30 W. Shortened sail at night. Fine weather.

Ship Hector [redacted]hove.

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Dec. 1st Monday. Lat. 6.26 N. 115.40 W.
Fresh and fair. Saw Porpoises flying fish squid, grampuses, No ships or whales. All hands well. Got up the forge to do a few small jobs in the blacksmithing line. Refitted main lifts and some other rigging. We keep a sharp lookout but cannot see whales. Nights shortened sail.

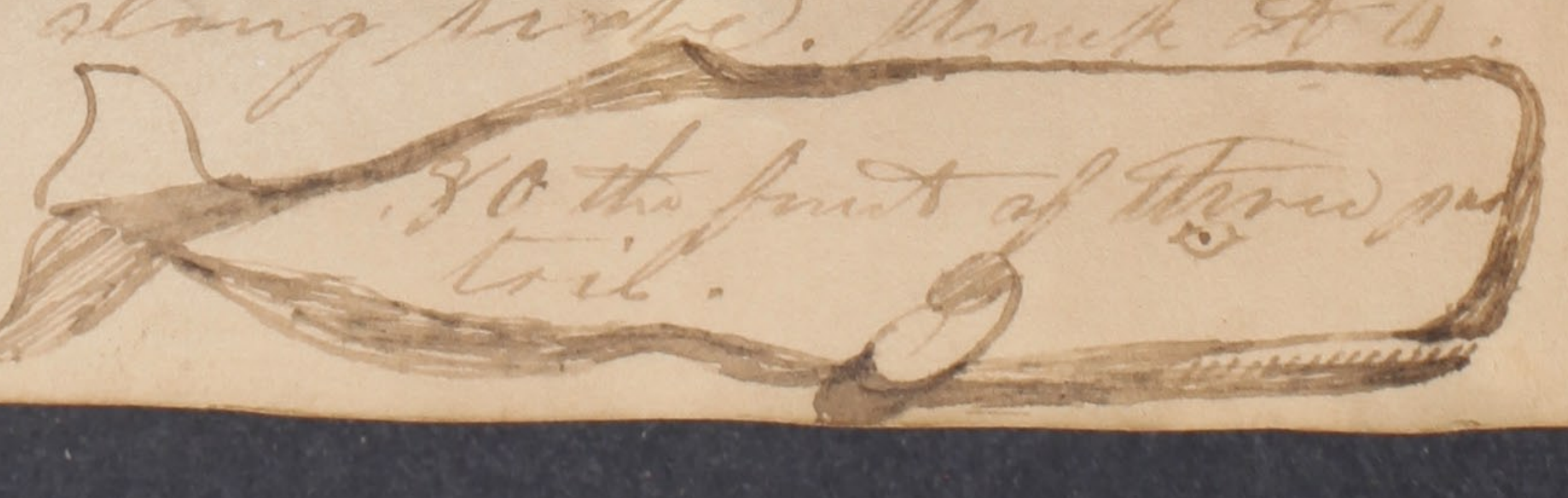
Dec. 3rd Wednes. Lat. 3.40 S. 114.40 W.
Fresh trades. Steering to the S.W. Split the old jib and bent a new one. At night doubled reefed. Steering off.

Dec. 4th Thurs. Lat. 4.49 S. Lon. 115½ W.
Broke out the after hold and stowed down some water (salt) to keep the ship right side up. Under double reefs. At night up courses and in jib.

Dec. 5th Friday. Lat 5.30 S. Lon. 115.16 W.
Saw a shoal of whales at 10 A.M. on the weather bow going to windward. We did not lower it would have been useless as the whales were out of sight in 16 minutes.

Dec. 6th Sat. Lat. 5.28 S. Lon. 116.18 W.
Another day has gone and no whales. Under doubled reefs. Strong breeze and rugged. Porpoises.

Dec. 7th Sun. Lat. 5.28 S. Lon. 116.21 W.
At 3 P.M. saw a whale off the lee bow and lowered. At ½ past 5 took him along side. Struck at 4. Saw breaches still farther off.



Off Shore in 1846.

1845

Dec. 9th Mon. Lat. 5.07 S. 116.50 W. Lon. Cut in the whale. Weather fair sea rugged: got him in without accident. Saw another or what we supposed to be another, for we did not lower, the chance of finding him with the boats was so small: under double reefs. 10th Weather moderate: boiling.

Dec. 11th Thurs. Fine weather: finished boiling, coopered and watered off. Single reefs.

Dec. 12th Friday. Fine: turned out the reefs and set reefed maintopgallantsail. At night shortened sail. Saw porpoises.

Dec. 13th Sat. Stowed down the oil in the fore hold. The whale did not make so much as we expected by 20 bbls. Standing to the N. E. Lat. 5.11 S. Lon. 116.30 W.

Dec. 14th Sun. Lat. 5.11 S 116.28 W. Under single reefs. Nothing new to notice. Remember the suffering poor. This maxim or caution may seem inapplicable, here on this wild waste of waters. Let it tend to encourage our hopes, to increase our vigilance, to strengthen and renew the firm resolve, and its inaptness shall vanish, like some evanescent cloud.

Dec. 15th Mon. Lat. 5.26 S. Lon. 116.33 W. Reefed maintopgallant sail and fly jib. Another day and no whales. Woe is me.

Ship Hector Off Shore

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Dec. 16th Wed. Fresh and fair. Lat. 5.18 S. Lon. 115.58 W. See porpoises, cowfish, and one bone shark. At night took in all but the topsails. Yesterday we overhauled the brace pendants & mean the cutting geer aloft found it good.

Forsake my mother! never—
While the warm blood bedews
my veins—
Or unimpaired remembrance reigns,
Deep sympathy for her hard fate,
Within my filial breast shall beat,
And spite of her traducing foes,
My sympathising verse still flows,
Mourn! hapless child, of sorrow, mourn;
thy banished peace thy heart-strings
torn.

24 mo Out).

Dec. 20th Sat. Lat. 6.10 S. Lon. 115.03 W. Moderate fine weather; all sail out, standing southerly. This is too comfortable. I have a great dislike (strange as it may seem) to good weather, on whale grounds, for when it is so very fine, we seldom see whales and then they are commonly very wild. At night shortened sail.

Dec. 21st Mon. 6.00 S. Lon. 115.45 W. Fresh: under topsails. Wind E.S.E.

Dec. 23d Wed. 5.35 S. Lon. 115.54 W. Set up most of the rigging fore and aft. See porpoises but no whales.

Off Shore

1845.

Dec. 24th Wednes. Moderate fine weather. Steering before the wind. Noon. Lat. 5.09 S. Lon. 116.18 West. Night luffed to the N.E. Employed in repairing the mainsail. See flying fish.

Dec. 25th Thurs. Lat. 5.00 S. 117.20 W. Moderate fine weather. Nothing seen worthy of note. The Cook, (a native of Maui) is spitting blood. At night shortened sail.

Dec. 27th Sat. Fresh trades and fair. Carrying reefed maintopgt. and fly jib. Steering to the N.E. 5.18 S. 117.00 W.

Dec. 28th Sund. Lat. 3.35 S. 116.40 W. Fresh trades. See one blackfish and some birds. At night shortened sail.

Dec. 29th Mon. Lat. 4.23 S. Lon. 116.32 W. See squid. Strong breeze from E.S.E. At night double reefed. Veered to N.E.

Dec. 30th Tues. Lat. 5.18 S. Lon. 116.36 W. Wind moderated: out reefs. M.T.G. & fly jib. O what would I give to be seated by some loved brook, that, like many foolish things, is not content to remain in its mountain birthplace, but is trying to find its solitary way to ocean's rude embrace, O I would tell it such a truthful sorry tale of the sea, methinks t'would turn again and run up hill.

Ship Victor Off Shore.

1846

Jan. 1st Thurs. Lat. 5 - 55 S. 116 - 10 W.
Fresh and fair. Saw a shoal of fish and threw an invitation, to keep our company, by running off to them, but they treated our selfish politeness, (as all such deserves to be treated) with contempt. As we came down upon them they made off to leeward, shaking their tails to the tune of "catch me if you can, in low glee, that is they went down, but soon came up again and finding it rather sharp work, tacked. We veered and gave chase, but all in vain; they would not be persuaded to accompany the old lady in her watery travels. Well they're a scaly set, no doubt.

Jan. 2d Friday. Lat. 5 - 03 S. Lon. 116 W.
Red Squid, the food of whales; where are they?

Jan. 4th Sun. Fresh trades. Under single reefs. Lat. 5 - 35 S. 116 - 15 W.

Jan 6th Tues. Lat. 4 - 47 S 116 - 03 W.
Moderate fine weather. Employed as usual in scrimmishoning or which is about the same, in doing nothing. Six men constantly aloft but no whales can we find. Saw white water this afternoon, and that was all. The Cook, who, not long since, employed some portion of his time in spiting blood I suppose by way of a change, is entirely well.

Off Shore.

1846.

Jan. 8th Thurs. 4"03 S. 116"20 W.
Passed a ship steering to the North.
Saw a bone shark eating squid.

Jan. 9th Friday. 5"27 S. 116"32 W.
Standing to the South. At night double
reefed and veered to the N.E. Nothing seen.

Jan 10th Sat. Lat. 4"52 S. Lon. 116"20 W.
Standing to the N.E. Nothing seen but
a few birds. It is remarkable there
are no fish around the ship since
her bottom is so foul. Shortened sail.

Jan. 12th Mon. Lat. 5"56 S. Lon. 116"50.
Standing South. Under topsails.
See a few birds and fish.

Jan 13th Tues. 7"16 S. 116"56 West.
First part fresh latter moderate.

Jan 14th Wednes. 9"00 S 117"30 W.
Moderate fine weather. Set up the
mizzen rigging. At night veered to North.

Jan. 15th Thurs. 8"20 S. 116"30 W.
Seen flying squid but no whales
Fitted the main stay; blacksmithing.

Jan. 16th Friday. 6"40 S. 116"30 W.
Moderate. All sail out. At night
shortened sail. Nothing seen worthy
of notice. Hope to see them before long.

Ship Hector Cruising.

1846.

Jan. 17th Sat. Lat. 5"24 S. Lon. 116"00 W.

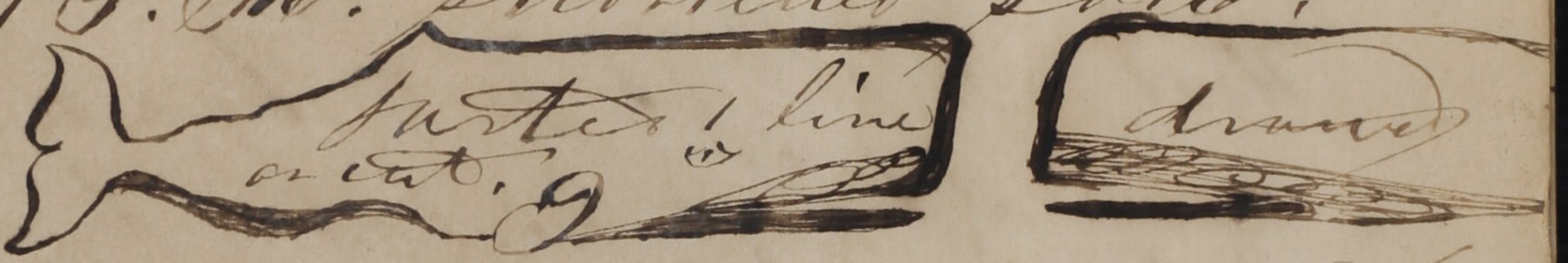
Moderate fine weather. Standing to the N.E. At night shortened sail Saw a ship pass to windward At 4 P.M. It is a good rule not to procrastinate, not to postpone the recording of a thought that is worthy, first it may be lost tho of much value. second it often tends to burden the memory or occupy the mental powers when they might be more usefully employed. The occasion of these expressions is this When riding to the City of Conception I saw by the way side a stone trough, doubtless of Indian fabrication, six feet long, two wide and eighteen inches deep or thereabouts, funnel shaped. Its original use is not known. At present the lazy Chilians no more notice it than a rock in its pristine state. If the worshippers of Sol were not a more amiable, more virtuous people, than the present inhabitance of this beautiful Country, then down comes my colours, topsails and all to his holyness the Pope. O Popery, the greatest thieves pray the loudest, among thy votaries, especially in publick. The most lewd are said to be punctual in their evening devotions. Wretched victims of the most loathsome diseases, unceasing is their torment, still they pray, still they count their beads. & suppose all is well.

Off Shore.

1846.

25 Jan. 18th Sun. Lat. 5"08 S. 115"50 W.
md Fine weather with the same old story.
Cuf We are now about midway between the Gallapagos and Marquesas Islands say 25 degrees (1500 miles) from land. We are so far out to sea that the fish refuse to keep our company! wise chaps.

Jan. 19th Mon. 5"30 S 115"50 W.
Saw a large body of whales to leeward, mostly cows and calfs. None larger than forty. Struck 4 saved 2. took the last one along side at 4 P.M. Shortened sail.



Jan 20th
All Cut in the whales. Lat. 5"17 S. 116"38 W.
Weather moderate: Some sea. Saw breaches. The small fish have come round, now fortune smiles, the parasites, we eat them welcome. Possibly they scent the the oil in our wake which induces them to follow on.

Jan 21st Wednes. 5"12 S. 116"25 W.
Boiling. Moderate fine weather. At night veered to the N.E. Nothing seen worthy

Jan 22d Thurs. 5"27 S. 116"28 W.
Finished boiling and washed off. Standing to the south. At night veerd to the N.E.

Jan. 23d Friday. 6"12 S. 116"40 W.
Made a crane for the waist boat: a chock for the body chain in the waist: a cover for the grindstone lately rigd.

Ship Hector Cruising Off
1846

Jan. 24th Sat. Lat. 5"19 South.
Stowed the fore hold far as the fore hatch; broke out the after hold far as the oil on Starboard side and got nearly all down by dark. Put on the hatches, in topgallant sails and wore to the N.E. Nothing seen.

Jan. 25th Sun. Lat. 5"35 S. Lon. 116"35 W,
Moderate fine weather. Twenty five days of the new year are gone for ever. Whales whales where are they! Time wins aye flies away: our labour is spent, truly "for that which is not bread." Well might an aged Skipper, who had past most of his life in these Seas exclaim, "what is the use of living!" Said he "I am better acquainted in Mauie than with the concerns of my family in New Bedford!" This mourning over the waste of life in foreign Seas is common to all whose hearts have not grown to hard for the enjoyment of that sweet peace, that repose of thought, that rest of body and mind, from toil and anxiety, which we fondly connect with a residence onshore at any time in any place—where vegitations grateful green Salutes the Seamans eye, But more particularly in the mild Season of Summer on Some well cultivated farm, whose tennants alike free from Sloth and avarice are Seen delighted and delighting. Tis evening we see the brindle cow, wody hills, fresh water brook and mill by it.

Shore. Pacific Ocean.

1846

Jan 26th Mon. Stowed off and washed. Spoke and gammed with the Niger, Gray, 18 mo 1200 sp 200 and over on deck. At 11 finished the gam.

Jan. 27th Tues. Lat. 3.20 S. 115.39 W. Moderate weather. Stood to the N.E. till Noon then veered to the South. Took up the Sheathing and washed deck. Passed the Niger still standing down under easy sail.

Jan. 28th Wednes. Lat. 4.01 S. 115.50 W. Saw a ship to leeward under Top gal. sails.

Jan. 29th Thurs. Lat. 4.59 S 115.56 W. Light weather. Ran off, spoke and gammed with Niger: broke at 11 pm.

Jan 30th Friday. Lat. 4.34 S 116.30 W. Moderate weather. Latter squally. At 6½ PM. kept off to N.N.W. in company with the Niger distant 4 miles, bearing N.N.W. At 11 Luffed to; the Niger bearing W. b. S. distant about the same. Wind E.S.E.

Jan. 31st Sat. 4.50 S 116.21 W. Raining all night and part of forenoon. Latter fair. Standing to the South. Nothing seen but porpoises.

Ship Hector Cruising
1846.

February 1st Sund. Lat. 4"46 S 116" W.
Moderate fine weather. At 10 A.M.
saw a breach off the lee beam: ran
till ½ past 2 P.M. then luffed to the N.E.

Feb. 2d Mon. Lat. 4"40 S. 116"29 W.
Fine weather but no whales. At
night shortened sail and wore to
the N.E. Nothing seen but birds.

Feb. 3d Tues. Lat. 4.57 S 116"40 W.
Saw a ship pass to leeward steering
to the N.W. At night shortened &c.

Feb. 4th Wednes. Lat. 4.32 S. 116"40 W.
This day finds me labouring under
much pain, distressing feeling of sickness
all over: up all night; very weak.
See squid and one bone shark.

Feb. 5th Thurs. Foggy No Obs.
Standing to the South. At night
shortened sail. Saw one finback.

Feb. 6th Friday. Lat. 4"40 S. 116"39 W.
Standing to the N.E. At 7 A.M. saw
spouts to windward probably blackfish.
tacked but saw nothing more. Shortened S.

Feb. 7th Sat. 4"23 S. 116"20 W.
Running off nearly all day for white
water or some thing of the kind.
Nothing seen but porpoises & birds.

Off Shore On the line.
1846.

Feb. 8th Sunday. 4"33 S. 116"13 W.
Like all other Sundays at Sea a continuation of that eternal chain that binds the mariner to gain.

Feb. 9th Mon. 4"40 S. 116"35 W.
Employed in refitting the burden blocks, and Scrimshawing. Fine moderate weather and nothing seen.

Feb. 9th Tues. 6"22 S. 116"10 W.
Nothing seen nor doing, onboard.

Feb. 11th Wednes. 5"52 S. 115"50 W.
Moderate trades. Dull music indeed. We keep the old bottle going for want of better business. Very lonesome.

Feb. 12th Thurs. 4"32 S. 115"67 W.
Fresh trades. Carried away one of the maintopmast shrouds & put a stopper. At night shortened sail.

Feb. 13th Friday. Unbent fore sail and fly jib for repairing: piped up the foresail: bent new fly jib, and another foresail. Standing N.E.

Feb. 14th Sat. Another week and no whales. Rebent the flyjib. At night shortened sail. Lat. 4"30 S. 115"40 W.

Ship Hector Off Shore.

Feb. 16th Monday. 1846. Moderate with some squalls of rain. Noon 3"30 S. 115"34 W. Standing N. E. See squid, flying squid, porpoises, skipjacks flying fish, & birds.

Feb. 17th Tues. 2"16 S. 116"17 W. Fresh trades and rugged. Under Tops.

26 mo. Out. Feb. 18th Wednes. 1"22 S. 113"21 W. Bent maintopsail and maintopgls. Weather clear and moderate.

Feb. 19th Thurs. Weather the same. Repairing maintopsail. 0.18 S. 111"50 W.

Feb. 20th Friday. First part nearly calm. Hove to the south. Lat. 0"30 N. 112 W. At night strong trades. double reefed.

Feb. 21st Sat. Light trades. Spoke the Mobile, Bunker, 18 mo. 600 onboard. Standing to the south. Lat. 0"30 S. 113"05 W.

Feb. 22d Sun. Ship Mobile off the lee quarter. Fresh trade standing to the south. Noon. Lat. 1"38 S. 114 West.

Feb. 23d Mon. Two ships in sight. Lat. 3"30 S. 114"50 West. 6 P.M. there is a merchantman or man of war, Now off the lee bow. Sails fast with studdingsails and royals steering about W. N. W. probably out of Callao and bound to Sandwich Islands.

Line and five South.

Feb. 24th Tues. Fresh trades. Standing to the S.E. Saw a ship to windward. running before the wind. At night up courses and wear to the South. 4.02 S. 115.50 W.

Feb. 25th Wedns. A ship to leeward. Saw breaches to leeward, windward I mean. probably scrag, as we tacked several times and see nothing more. Lat. 4.35 S. 116.02 W.

Feb. 26th Thurs. Spoke the ship Isabella Stuart of F.H. 7 mo 850, supplied him with 15 or 20 bbls of water of which he was short; bound to the N. W. via Sandwhich Islands: of the 850, 440 is sperm taken in 17 south.

Feb. 27th Friday. Moderate weather and no whales. Lat. 4.34 S. Lon. 116.20 W. We obtained a few papers and shipping lists from the Isabella. It seems Texas is now one of the states and John bull is, as usual, growling about it. It has been truly said of that selfish nation if they had the whole world, they would want the moon for a garden spot. It is said the character of Mr Polk is without a blemish. All is peace at present, but talk of war with Mexico. In that case privateers would be fitted out this side, and we whalemen will have to show them our heels; the scrags. and prove "discretion the better part of valor".

Ship Hector Off Shore.

Feb. 28th Sat. 3"20 S 115°W 1846. Fresh trades and fair. Standing to the to the N.E. all sail out. Nothing seen. For some days past there has been a heavy swell from the N.W. Its cause no doubt is wind, but where that wind is I know not, probably some where to north of the Line.

March 1st. Sun. 1"34 S. 114° by Chron. 114"25 by Lunar, by which the Chron. is rated anew. Slow 56"24" for Greenwich mean time. Steering to the west. All sail out. Moderate fine weather.

March 2d. Mon. 1"18 S 115"38 West. Steering West. Got up the fore top mast studding sail. making ratline, out of the old hawser.

March 3d. Tues. 1"16 S 116"40 W. Broke out the sail room aired the sails, which were found in good order and stowed them back again. Obtained several Lunars that differed but little from the Chronometer one this evening by planet Jupiter that agreed to 1/4 of a mile probaly accident. Rove new fore braces. See finbacks.

Mar. 4th Wedns. 1"54 S. 119 West. Moderate fine weather which is all that can be said in its favor. Tis lonesome truly! No ships no whales: nothing: to remind us that we belong to the family of man. The boys are dancing to shake off ennui.

Towards the Line.

March 5th. Thurs. 1868. Moderate moderate and no whales. 1"50 S 120"50 W. Got out lower and main top-gallant studding sails. Took a Lunar in the evening. 8 miles east of Ch.

March 6th Friday. 1"32 S. 122"15 W. Unbent & repaired the mizzen topsail. Unbent the fore topsail for the same purpose but did not finish. Steering West. Wind light about east.

March 7th Sat. 1"27 S. 124"00 West. Saw porpoises and scrags. W. N. E. & light. Shifted the studding sails to S. Side.

March 8th Sun. At 6 A. M. spoke the John Adams N. B. Saw whales here 10 days ago. Continue steering to the West. Lat 0.55 S. 125"30 W. Saw a sail this afternoon astern or nearly there steering about West. At night shortened sail but kept on our course. Weather dark to the North but clear to the South. Some porpoises and birds flying fish &c.

Mar 9th. Mon. Made all sail at daylight steering W. b. S. A ship in sight on the starboard quarter. Wind light. Noon. Lat. 0"29 S. Lon. 127"30 W. Cloudy. Got up the Barometers, &c & put them in the gangway. We do not need it here, but tis best to be in time.

Ship Hector towards the Marquesas.
1846.

March 10th Tues. 0" 56 S. 129" 20 W.
Steering S.W. b. S. Studding sails alow and aloft. See nothing and do the same.

March 11th Wednes. Lat. 3" 25 S. 131" 07 W.
First part fresh breezes and clear. latter part Moderate & cloudy All sail out.

Mar. 12th Thurs. Lat. 4" 56 S. 133" 55 W.
First part light and baffling; latter fresh from S.E. all sail studding sails low and aloft. This day, transformed the three into two watches.

March 13th Friday 6" 36 S. 135" 40 W.
Steering S.W. all sail out: See white water several times and ran for it but found nothing. Wind light.

March 14th Sat. 7" 43 S. 137" 18 W.
Moderate. Spoke the Roscoe Mc Clure 30 mo 1400. 10 days from Isl. Dominica.

March 15th Sun. At 8 A.M. raised the land Island Uahuga one of the Washington or Marquesas Islands. bearing S.W. by W. dis. 30 miles. Passed to south of it at 3 P.M. Saw a sail to windward. Saw Nukahiva & Uapoa at 4 P.M. steering W.S.W. at dark the ship is at about equal distances from each of the above islands. Wind fresh from E.N.E. weather fair. Obtained sights found our longitude right, as usual.

Off Washington Islands. 1846. March.

It is time to fulfil my promise concerning General Mena, resident at the Gallapagos Islands. The Gen. was born somewhere in Central America or Columbia. He is of Spanish and Indian extraction, consequently, somewhat tawny with a roman nose. He is, apparantly, well to do in the world, having enriched himself, at least in some measure, with the spoils, not of war but of terrapin. He sells some alive to ships, for beef & creature comforts, while at the same time, with a gang of lazy renegades from the coast he is procuring oil for the Guyaquil market. His wife and two daughters reside at Chas Island. He does not sleep with his wife because she, some years since, was found stroking her sweet bumps of amativeness in conjunction with one of his own colonels. (tis strange woman will do so). The Gen. takes care, however, to reimburse himself in the person of a little yellow, slim Lady of thirteen, whom he keeps for his own private necessity, agreeably to the custom of this and I believe of all other Catholick Countries. His daughters, one thirteen, the other fifteen, follow the example of their worthy sire. They have both already proved their capability, and sincere attachment to the law, by as strict adherance to the command, multiply and replenish the earth" Considering their limited means, living upon an Island with few inhabitants, their devotion is worthy a better fate. I believe they were basely deserted, after being robed of their virtue. The principal cause of so much lewdness in those provinces, is the licencious cruel heartlessness of the men and priests.

Ship Hector Towards the

1846.

March 16th Mon. 9"56 S. 141"08 W.
Light from E.N.E. with squalls of rain.
Steering S.W. by W. Tiburones Island bears
N.W. 1/4 W. dis. 96 miles at 6 P.M. Same Lat.

March 17th Tues. 10"56 S. 142"46 W.
First part fresh, middle Calm, latter
squally. Steering S.W. Studding sails &c

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March 18th Wednesday. 11"44 S 143"28.
Light baffleing wind. Steering S.W. b W.
Latter part steady trades & fair.

March 20th Thurs. 12"21 S. 145 West.
Stiff squalls of wind and rain for the
most part light from N.E. Steering
S.W. studding sails alow and aloft.

March 20th Friday. Moderate trades
and fine weather 13"13 S. 146"00 West.

March 21st. Sat. 14"23 S. 147"40 West.
Steady trades with light squalls. At
4 P.M. Raised Krusensterns Island bearing
S.W. dis. by estimation 15 miles. It is situated in lat 15° S. 148"41 West by the tables.
Low land; level and covered with trees. At
7 P.M. it bore West; tis 15 miles long extending N.N.E. and S.S.W. The passage between
this and Deans Island is about 15 miles wide.
The longitudes of these Islands both
on the Chart and in the Navigator,
is 20 miles or perhaps 17 miles West of
their true place.

Society Islands.

1846

March 22nd (S.W. dist.) Sunday. Noon, Lat. 16.06 S. 149.48 W. Long. Evening set all sail out. At 6 P.M. Raised the Land Island of ×Huaheine bearing S.W. b W. dis. by Chart 40. by estimation 30 miles. ×This word according to the Spanish pronunciation, expresses, exactly the native word for girl, or woman, (for they have but one) that is, in english, ×Wah hina. Hauled in studding sails. Some lightning to the Northward, probably heat-lightning as it is called. The weather is several degrees warmer here than on the line. Thermometer stands at 98 in the shade and exposed to the sun on deck at 112. rather warm for bare feet.

March 23rd Mon. Ran down the west side of Whaheine, Huaheine Island, and boarded the ship Cress of N.B., Capt. Adams, 7 months out with 110 bbls oil. A French Frigate was lying in the harbour. Went on board but could not obtain leave to anchor. The French are colonising these Islands at the point of the bayonet. The murder the natives who make a feeble resistance, and seize their lands. They have built forts, houses &c.

March 24th Tues. Weather very squally, with much rain, lightning, and thunder. Standing out to the N.E. At 7 P.M. finished the gam with the Cress. Last night we did not sleep talking all night.

Ship Hector Off the Society
1846

March 25th. Wednesday. At noon Huaheine bears S.b.W. 4 miles distant. Fresh trades and some squalls. Under topsails. At sunset, put on reef'd main topgallantsail and fly-jib. I know not by what means the English obtained their possessions in the East but this colonization of the French is not much less, (if it is any) than robbery. They sail with their stately ships, into those beautiful harbours, formed wonderfully by nature, for the reception of toil-worn mariners, to rest and recruit their weary scurvy stricken limbs and bodys. But tis not for this they come. It is not peacefully to traffic with the almost defenceless Indians and so relieve their wants that they come, but tis to wrest with savage ferocity, from their natural rightfull proprietors, these lands; to erect there on houses and stately Churches Catholic and then shoot the justly exasperated natives for showing what resistence they are able, or else, if they slavishly submit, selling them back their own, by the first of all rights their birth right, for money. This proceeding of the French, is a most miserable disgusting affair, unjust, I believe without precedent, murderous, wickedly cruel & barbarous, and wholy unbecoming the dignity of a polite & enlightened nation. If it is a judgement sent from heaven on natives, fiercer and more terribles must fall on the oppressor.

Islands.

1846
March 26th Thurs. Wind light weather fair. Still off the Island of Huaheine. Heavy swell from the South. made but little way. Standing to the South; all sail out.

March. 27th Friday. Lat. 17.36 S 151.03 at Noon. Stood to the South till 1½ p.m. then tacked to the N.E. At 6 P.M. saw the island of S. C Sanders, one point off the lee bow. At 7 tacked to the South again. Trimendous Sea. At 12 veered to the N.E. & Tops. double reefd.

March 28th Sat. At Noon lat. 17.16 S. 150.03 Emao. bears S.S.W. 20 miles distant. Steering to the N.E. that is E.N.E. Under whole topsails. Strong trades. At 6 pm squally tacked to the South. Heavy swell from the South, Ship pitches bad.

March 29th Sun. This day. Tahita Tetturoa and Emao all in sight. Beating up towards the first. Wind about S.E. but very light.

March 30th Mon. Light baffleing winds, and fair. Still between the above Islands. Saw one schooner and one ship come out, and stand stand off to Sea. At night the town and shipping plain in sight. Point Venus about South distant 4 m.

Ship Hector Spring
1846.

March 31st. Tues. Calm till day light when a light breeze sprung up from the W.S.W. Saw two ships come out of the bay passage. At 11 took a Pilot, Capt. Henry, of English extraction, who was born here 47 years ago & has lived here ever since, when not at sea. Soon nearly up with the passage. At 3 p.m. stood in and passed safely through. Came to Anchor near the cocoanut point in 12 fathoms muddy bottom. There are lying here; two French friggates, one steamer, armed, 1 English steamer armed. & several merchant ships & brigs, & 4 whalemen besides ourselves. The French and natives are killing one another yet & no one knows when they will end their troubles. Those of the soldiers stationed in the block houses, without the town, are constantly exposed to a savage like warfare with the with the vindictive savages. They are frequently shot without the least warning: two poor fellows met their fate to day: they left La Belle France to die on this distant Island. The natives sally down uppon them, take deliberate aim & shoot them like wild beasts. Are these the children of one common Parent? do these acknowledge the existance of one common sovreign, whose tender mercies are over all his works? What absurdity!

in the Harbour of Tahiti.

April 1st Wednes. Squalls of wind & rain. Rainy nearly all day. Cleaning ship which is all we can do. Disposed of most of the dry goods at about 50 per ct. on the prime cost. No American or English boat is allowed to land except at the American Consul's door. All boats must be on (their) board at sunset. No boat is allowed to pass from ship to ship in the evening.

Apr. 2d Thurs. Commenced breaking out for the purpose of coopering found some slack, but proved bad. The merchantman that is a whaleman went out and one merchant man (a Boston Bark.) Came in. Some rain and fog. Miserable slow dirty work. But the ship is tight. so if the weather is good we shall soon get through with it. Not much wind.

Apr. 3d Friday. Rainy: sent one watch on shore. Afternoon fair.

Apr. 4th. Sat. Fine weather. Continue stowing down. At night knocked off. The greatest exploit done by the bull Frenchs, that I have heard of, is shooting an old Cow in the bush. Wonderful wonderful, this is doing great business. By the truth of an Irishman, these French, most of them, must be the sweeping of [illegible] Paris.

Ship Hector Lying in the
1846.

April 5th Sun. Sent one watch ashore. Loosed the sails to dry. Weather clear. This day is monday with a part of the people here, which makes the confusion still more babel-like. While some with mock sanctity are observing the sabbath, others are loading boats with ballast stones, or unloading with iron and other merchandise on the smooth beach. If the devil has any visible, grinning propensities this must excite them, at least in some small degree.

April 6th Mon. Fine weather. Continue coopering. A French whaler went out. We find it much better coopering here than at sea: much quicker, and not half the danger of accidents.

April 7th Tuesday. Continue breaking out and coopering. At dark, nearly finished the mainhatchway. Last evening a volley of some twenty or thirty guns was fired on the point; to day the steamer moved out of this harbour, into the passage, towards Towoua. A large company of natives have been seen, to day passing along the hills, far beyond the outposts, it is supposed, to join the party on the opposite side of the town, or to make arrangements, for a simultaneous attack. This is common. There are two parties of disaffected natives, and they keep up a communication, Port of Tahiti.

1846.

April. 8th Wednes. Finished the mainhatchway; corked at the fore hold, St side, stowed the ground of first riders. Weather continues fine. Some lightning. The steamer has been throwing bombs on shore all day, at intervals of half an hour, to protect a gang of their men, who were at work; from the vindictive ferocity of the disaffected natives. Poor fellows, they are loath to loose their birth right, but I fear their cup of iniquity is full. I have seen one french lady on shore, and if she is a fair specimen of french beauty, my humble self would be perfectly safe, from their seductions even in Paris. It is realy provoking to go on shore, and gaze on, and be gazed at by such a thick lipped, flat-nosed flabby, sided set of bipeds, as here pretend to the dignity of females; miserable comforters are they all. I have seen more to be admired in a one hours visit, to some quiet little village in Peru, than has come under my observation, so far, on this "beautiful, ocean paradise!" The principal cause of the present wretchedness of these Islanders, arises from their intercourse with Europeans, the introduction, by them of diseases, moral and physical, and that insiduous poison Alcohol. Capt. Henry, 47 years of age, the son of a missionary, was born here. He says that since his remembrance, the natives of this Island were robust & healthy, & numbered 5000. now they are the reverse & amount to, perhaps 1000.

Ship Hector in Tahita
1846.

April 9th Thursday. The trades have finally, to our great relief, carried over the wide Pacific & reached this remote corner of the world. There are, it seems to me, some on shore here from all nations under Heaven. I noticed to day, men from Poland, England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Italy, Portugal, Africa, West Indies, North America, S. America, Sandwich and Society Islands. I have seen to day People from Maine, Vermont, N. Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, & N. York. And there I saw one Frenchman, flog 2 or 3 English men, all drunk, this made business for the Police.

April 10th Friday. Some squalls, struck adrift on account of the buoy rope getting foul the fluke & chain. Finished coopering and pushed off, hove up the anchors and dropped off clear of the reef, near where we dragged. The Soldiers have had two skirmishing engagements, to day. We could see them march out, & hear the report of their muskets, see the smoak, & see them bring in the wounded; but did not see them fight; the bushes kindly interposed, to screen the murderous business from our view.

Apr. 11th Sat. Struck adrift again to day, let go 2d anchor, hove up both towards night, hauled in towards the shore, let go heavy anchor and gave out 70 fathoms chain. Washed Ship.

Port of Tahita or Papata.

1846.

April 12th Sun. Our watch on shore. The French steamer, with several barges and whale boats manned with friendly natives, landed about seven miles to leeward, of this harbour, attacked a savage camp, and were repulsed with some loss. Yesterday, which was the Sabbath for all who came by the way of Good Hope, I attended the funeral of a young man, who died in the morning, by name, Whelock. He was partner of Gray. They are both natives of New England. It was the most melancholy funeral I ever attended. The natives especially the woman are, on such occasions, in their actions and manners, a most disgusting set. On arriving at the grave yard, we found the grave partly filled with water, in which the coffin was necessarily, in some measure immersed; but it floated, till the dirt thrown directly uppon it, for the purpose, caused it to sink. The ceremony consisted in reading the burial service by a Missionary, and there far from his native land, and friends, his body was committed to the ground, and water its final resting place. He and his partner, had, concluded to wind up their affairs and return soon as possible, to their homes, to enjoy the fruits of their toil, they had concluded that "tomorrow, should be as this day, and much more abundant."

Ship Hector in Papeete. 1846

April 13th Mon. Obtained a permit, and took onboard one raft of water about 120 barrels. Sent a boat to help tow out a Bremen brig. In this harbour there are flying the French, English, American, Danish, Bremen, & Tahitian flags.

Apr, 14 Tues. The Schooner Alfred, Capt. Davenport, of N. Bedford came in, 8 mo. 80 bbls. sp. She is 150 tons, 97 feet long, 23 ft beam, 9 ft. depth of hold. mans 3 boats. carries fore and main, topsail & topgallantsail; has on deck, 1 large gun, one swivel on each quarter, and one on a bit forward. Bound to the Feejee Islands, to cruise for whales. One Danish, ship and one Chilian also came in. Some hauled in.

April 15th Wednes. Stowing down water. Blacked the bends and varnished the wheel. Several vessels went out and in. One French bark with soldiers.

April 16th Thurs. Took onboard, 50 barrels of water. Stowed some. Rainy. Wind to the West & N. W.

28 mo out. April 18th Sat. Much rain, thunder, lightning, & wind in squalls. One watch on liberty. I have had a violent diarrhea which continues unabated, and takes away flesh and strength.

Sailed from Papeete. Tahiti.
April 19 Sun. Fine weather; strong temptation to paint, but we have resisted. 20th Mon. Painted ship tho rain is expected. An English missionary bark came in this afternoon. Have not heard particulars.

April 21st. Obtained a clearance for sea. Shipped one seaman, Robinson by name, & a shipkeeper. At dark all onboard.

April 22d Wednes. At daylight, got underway, with a fine land breeze; soon passed through the passage, and cleared the reef. Soon nearly calm. Passed a French Frigate. Received a visit from Capt Taylor of ship (English) ~~Wh. Watch~~.

April 23d Thurs. Off the Island of Emao. Gentle trades and fine weather. Standing southerly, At 4 P.M. double reefed. Bent a foretopmast staysail. Broke out for provision.

Apr 24th Friday. Strong trades, baffling and squally. Double or single reefs. Lat. 19°00 S Lon. 151°35 W. by Chron. Var. 1/2 pt East.

Apr 25th Sat. Moderate & baffling but squally. Set up nearly all the rigging fore and aft. Bent a new fore topsail. Main & Mizzen topgallant sails & fly jib out. Some rain: fresh trades.

Ship Hector Towards the Coast.
1846.

Apr. 26th Sun. Fresh trades and fine. Standing to the South under topsails. Course S.S.W. ½ W. Ds. 117m 21.45 S. 153..27 W.

Mon, 27th Apr. Lost wind: set the topgallant sails and fly jib. Wind E.S.E. Vari to Easterly. Long heavy swell from the South. Weather clear over head, but squalls in the horizon. The civil day is for the present thrown aside and the sea account adopted as more convenient for the reconing. We have onboard a Frenchman, who was impressed from a whaler onboard a man-of-war, both lying in Tahiti. From the latter, he swam to the Englishman, also a whaler, but not being allowed to remain, he left her and came privately here, where he still remains. He has agreed to do seamans duty, the remainder of the voyage. There is one more man onboard, in nearly the same predicament, but he is a Yankee. He to was forced onboard a man of war, but had the liberty of leaving provided he could obtain a birth in some American vessel. Right or rong they are here, and doubly glad. We have regularly shipped, a Ship-keeper, John Spencer, & one seaman, Jas. Robinson. A large, stout, lazy, saucy, Canaca, shipped in Talcahuano, went onboard the English whaler, out side, to the great joy of all onboard, particularly his shipmates. He was that most abhorant of all "forked animals" a glutton. besides being quite destitute of all moral sense. John Bell told him,

Off the Island of Ohetiroa

Middle and latter parts fine. Wind S.E. Refitting the tiller blocks. Co S.W. b S. distance 132 miles. Lat. 23·39 S. 154·45 W.

April 28th. Tues. Moderate fine weather. All sail out. In Tahiti there were several Mormons. One, by the name of Lincoln, with his wife, were onboard, one night, her nerves having been somewhat jostled, not long before, by the proximity of some grape and canister, sent from the French Corvette up among the savages, in lieu of stump lectures, for the same purpose & with about the same effect. But the most interesting part of the story is yet to be told viz. that Mrs Lincoln, the following her fright behind the logs, with shot flying above and around, was delivered safely of a "hopeful" son. He was born onboard the, Cortes (Ship) whither they had fled. They belong in Massachusetts. He is a carpenter by trade industrious and frugal; but the war made them poor. Mrs. Lincoln said their loss was about $2000. She stated that the natives destroyed their house with fire and every thing else they did not want. A nice little cooking stove which she brought from home, they pulled to pieces, and divided among them. Those Islanders are the most vicious race of people I ever fell in with not excepting the savages of the Marquesas Islands. So much for English Missionary influence, which teaches the form but not the power of Godliness.

Ship Hector in the South

1846

April 29th Wedns. Lat 25"33 S. 155"24 W. Moderate from about East. Every appearance of the trades being done. At night, clouds of fiery red surrounded the horizon, & appeared ragged and fleecy. All sail out. Course yesterday S b W ½ W distance 121 miles. Some swell from S.W. Latter part Calm. Lat. 26"52 S 155"01 W.

April 30th Thurs. Begins with Calm. Hauled up, cleared up, & cleaned down. Painted starboard & waist boats.

April 31st Friday. 27"12 S. 154"45 West. Light from S.W. Painting the boats. Set studding sails alow & aloft. Course yesterday S.E.b.S. 24 miles. Steering E.b.S. Broke out for beef.

May 2d Sat. Course East. dis. 60 miles Lat. 27"16 S. Lon. 153"20 W. Fine breeze from S.S.W. All sail out. Steering East by S. Secured the after hatch by means of a bar athwart ships. 6 P.M. strong. AM hauled out the pumps, and stopped a leak in each: hot weather. Fresh breeze from S.b.W. Co. E.b.S. distance 150. Lat. 27"55 S. Lon. 150"20 West. Var. ½ East.

May 3d Sund. Fresh from S.b.W. & fair. Steering E.b.S. Finished the pumps & stow them down again. We have wet hold once or twice a week since coopering.

Pacific Ocean

May 4th Mon. 1846.

The fore noon saw a whale supposed to be sperm, lowered the boats, but he probably altered his course as we saw nothing more of him. Lat. 28"27 S. Long. 147"38 W. Var. 8 East. So far goes for Sunday, now for Monday. Sea acc. First part light breeze from the N.W. and cloudy. Set studding sails on the larboard side. Bar. 30 inches. A.M. 29,9th. Strong gale. in fore & mizzen topgallant sails, & studding sails. Wind from the North. weather cloudy. Lat. 29"03 S. Long. 145"29 West.

May 5th Tues. Fresh gale from the North & fair: in maintopgallant sail & fly jib. Steering E.b.S. The natives on Tahita, are very religious, so far as form goes, for they actually say grace, over a barrel of orange rum, when about to get drunk thereon. This was related to me by the Mormon gentleman, of whom I have already written. I remarked that such things aught not to be found where the Gospel had been preached for fifty years; he answered with some warmth. "I deny that assertion: I say the Gospel has not been preached: a perverted gospel has been preached, but not the true." And so he would have gone on for an hour probably, had not I turned the current of his thoughts, by enquiring where the true Gospel was preached. He said "in a little place called Nauvoo"!

Word, said he'd "you can both see it practiced, & hear it preached in its purity"! Latter part strong gale doubled reefed Co. E.b.S. Dist. 190 Lat. 30 – 19 S. 142° West.

May 6th Wednesday. Strong gale from the S.W. turned out 1 reef. set the main sail. Latter part nearly calm. Made all sail. Co. E b S. dis. 66 m. 30 – 28 S 140 – 46 W

May 7th Thurs. Commences with calm. Making Spunyarn. The wind first blew a gale from the South; then shifted round to west & from there to north, where it also blew a gale. this is called against the sun: that is contrary to his daily motion. After blowing out at North, it hauled gradually around to west, then South, then East & N.E. where it stood for four hours. Then to North, & West & finally S.W. where it now (7 P.M.) stands. this last move is with the sun: therefore we hoped it will remain some time in the western board. 8 hrs. the wind hauled round with the sun for the third time & settled at N. East. now blowing a fresh gale, with rain. No meridian observations. Doubled Altitudes Co. E S E. 120. 31 – 21 S. 138 – 27 West.

Coast of Chili, S. America.
1846

May 8th Friday. Unsteady from N.E. with rain & fog. Standing to the S.E: nearly all sail out. All hands in good health, &, as a consequence, all cheerful. Middle squally from N.N.E. double reefed: A.M. in mainsail & jib. Rainy thick weather. No Observation

May 10th Sat. Fresh gale and squally. 4 p.m. some moderated: set the mainsail. 7 p.m. Squally again from E.N.E. Head wind. Latter part wind from west to N.W. set all the studding sails. Co. S.E. b S. for the last two days. dis. 120 miles. Lat. 32-35 S. Lon. 136" 33 W. Variation 7° East.

May 10th Sun. Weather clear, wind N.W. & light. Steering E.N.E. All sail out. 4 P.M. washed off the deck. The moon will full, tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. 9 P.M. wind N.N.W. it cannot find a resting place. It has been three times round the compass, & is now going back. Sea considerable smoother. Latter part light from west. Course E ½ N. dis. 126. Lat. 32.29 S. Lon. 134" 30 W.

May 11th Mon. Light wind from the west. Studdingsails out alow & aloft. Nothing seen. A day or two since, there was a land bird came on board bringing his partner with him. Some porpoises & one finback were also seen.

Ship Hector Towards Chili
1868

May 11th Mon. Lat. 32.22 S. Lon. 133½ W. Light from the westward board. cloudy. Hauled out the Starboard pump but found no leak. Made some spunyarn. Latter part some more wind. Employed in calking some places in the deck, and altering the pantry. and forward Cabin. Lat 32.30 S. 131.00 West lon.

May 12th Tuesday. Steering E.b.N. all sail out. Making some spunyarn. Latter fine steady breeze from S.W. Lat. 32.22 S. Lon. 128.40 W.

May 13th Wednes. Moderate, with light squals: cloudy. Calking deck by the water ways. Wind baffleing. Latter part from the S.W. 32.17 S. 126.25 W.

May 14 Thursday. Begins with strong breezes from S.W. At 3 P.M., wind shifted suddenly round to the S.E. but soon hauled back to the South, Steering East. Latter part baffleing. Co. E.N.E. Dis 102. 31.29 S. 123.30 W.

May 15th Friday. (Erronious date)

16 Sat. Begins with moderate breezes from the S. East. All sail out Steering to the Eastward by the wind. Repaired and bent the fly jib.

Remember the Suffering poor!

1846

May 16th Sat. 30" 17 S. 122" 30 W. Fresh breeze from S. Easterly and fair. Put in the combings of a Skylight abaft the forward Cabbin. It is to be made without glass. Saw one Scrag. All Sail out Steering to the N.E. by the wind. Latter wind light from the Eastward with heavy swell from the S.E. 28·31 S. 120" 20 W. Course N.E. distance 160 miles.

29 mo. out. May 18th M. 28" 31 S. 120·20 W. Steering to the North. Wind light from the eastward with heavy swell from S.E. Nothing doing of course: Sunday, falsely so called. Nothing at all seen. Latter part Hazy weather. No Observations.

May 19th Tues. Repairing the Mainsail, & fitting the new Skylight: Making some alterations in the Cabbin. Unbent the mainsail for the purpose of repairing. Took a lunar observation Lon. 118" 59 W. by Chron. 119·25 W. Lat. at 7 A.M. by the Moon 27" 32 S. Sun, 27·25 Moon.

May 20th Wednes. Begins with light breezes from S.E. and clear weather. Standing to the N.E. all sail out: bent the mainsail. Nothing seen worthy of note. Latter part wind out to N.E. tacked to the E.S.E. Lat. 27·10 S. Lon 119·13 W. By Lunar. 118" 50 W.

Ship Hector Towards
1846

May 21st Thurs. Nearly Calm. Steering to the East. Repaired the fore topsail. Finished the skylight over the forward Cabbin. & hood.do cover it. A.M. repaired the old Mizzen-topsail. 24"45 S. 119"08 W.

May 22d. Friday. Calm. Not much swell. Calking the deck: turning some. Carpenter making a wash stand. See porpoises. At night continued calm: up courses, & down jibs, to save the chafe. Latter part calm. 26"38 S. 118"59 W.

May 23d. Sat. Begins with calm: at night clewed down the topsails. Course for the last two days N.b.W. dist. 12 miles. Saw one tropic bird. This is gloomy in the extreme: Here we lay tumbling about in the wide ocean, wearing out sails, rigging, ship & provisions, everything; and nothing coming in, nothing in sight. the season about to commence off-shore, and we cannot move a mile towards it. O God of Heaven and Earth, why was I born for what: Why was not my wretched existence swallowed up before it began: Surely it had been better for me never to have lived, in this heartless, this friendless, this lying, cheating, deceiving world. O God O God, make me to know and yield to thy will: give me faith & hope in thee.

the Off Shore Ground.

1840

May 24th Sun. 26.20 S. 119.27 W. Begins with light airs from N.E. and clear. At night, Wind North: backed to the N.E. Now there is a small prospect of wind; the Barometer has fallen a little; yesterday it stood at 30 inches and 15 hundredths. Latter part, Wind N.N.W. Steering N.E. Co. N.E. dist. 70. Lat. 25.42 S. 117.44 West.

May 25th Mon. Wind light from N.W. Weather fair. Seen finbacks. At 6 P.M. Set the foretopmast studding sail. Latter part the same. Lat 24.58 South.

May 26th Tues. Very light airs from the N.W. and clear. Doing some small jobs about the ship. This is a wretched dull passage, calm calm calm, continual calm: but we have got down now so as to be in some measure, clear of the old Chili swell which is some consolation; to the sails at least. Latter part nearly calm. 24.40 S. 115.40 W.

May 27th Wednes. Light baffling wind from N.W. to S.W. and fair. Sea running up in heaps, Squalls hanging round the horizon, and other signs of being near the trades. The watches employed in making spunyarn and rattline stuff, and sinnet. Set the Maintopgallant studding sail. Carry the mainroyal during the night. 24 S. 116° W.

Ship Hector towards the Coast
1846

May 28th Thurs. Begins with hard squalls from N.W. and much rain. Steering N.E.: in topgallant sails. At dark more moderate: set topgallant sails. Middle part squally with rain. Co. N.E. dis. 110 miles. Lat. 22 " 51 S. 112 . 24 W.

May 29th Friday. Light from S.W. Set the studding sails. Middle Strived the jib. Had fly-jib-boom was carried away, yesterday, by the guys giving way to windward: the hook broke. A.M. getting out the fly jib boom. Lat. by double altitudes. 21 " 68 Lon. 111 " 14 West. Weather squally.

May 30th Sat. Weather nearly calm trying hard to get to the north. Wind all round the compass. Lat. 21 " 20 S. 110 . 40 W. Lunar 110 . 26 W. Var 4½ East.

May 31st Sun. Moderate. Finished the fly jib-boom & set the sail. 4 P.M. washed off the deck. Wind from W. N.W. very light. All sail out; main royal during the night. It seems to me that this is the dullest passage I ever knew: for the most part we have light winds or calms; and nothing seen but finbacks. In 20 we saw porpoises. We have passed Easter Island (the Pacific Bermuda) without accident, except the boom and now I hope we shall soon get hold of the trades; run down to 12 and take in 7 to 9 hundred.

of Peru, or somewhere else.

1848

June 1st Mon. 20"28 S. 109"42 W.
Moderate from North and fine weather.
Steering by the wind to the eastward. 6 P.M.
wind veering a little to the West. Set the M.
Royal. Sea smooth. Sky, blue or reddish.
See finbacks, & one large flying fish.
Latter part the same. 20"40 S. 108"20 W.

June 2d Tues. Tacked to the N.W.
every thing out. It seems hard
getting the way we want to go. Any
other way, however, would be difficult
now, for want of wind. Latter part calm.
Co N.W., dis. 60 m. Lat. 19"52 S. 109"00 W.

June 3d Wednes. Took the trades
from the eastward, Lat about 20 S. The
wind breezed up from the North, and hauled
gradually round to East, as we advanced
to the North, and will probably so continue
to do (if it is trade) till it gets out to S.E.
See lots of finbacks; and some tropic birds.

June 4th Thurs. 18"28 S. 108"07 W.
Fresh trades and squally. In topgallant sails. Unrigged most of the studding sail
gear, & unbent the mainroyal. Trades well
out to eastward. Making spunyarn,
rattline stuff &c. Lat. 16"30 S. 107"20 W.

June 5th Friday. Fresh trades and squally. Steering by the wind to the N.E. Under
topsails. Middle & latter the same.
Course N.E. b N. dis. 120. 14"61 S. 106"15 W.

Ship Hector, Off Shore,
1846

June 6th Sat. Strong trades. Doubled, we mean single, reefed. Still standing to the N. East. Co S E b N. dis. 117 Lat. 13"14 S. 105° W.

June 7th Sun. Strong but not so squally. See flying squid, finbacks, porpoises & some birds. Under single reefed topsails. Hauled a little more to the South, say about S. E b East. Heavy sea but more regular as we draw to the North. Baffling:
11"40 S. 106"9 W.

June 8th Mon. Fresh trades. Turned out the reefs and set reefed maintopgallantsail. See Squid. Sea quite smooth, for this part of the Ocean. Adam was the prototype of all men: so Eve, I presume, was the prototype of all womankind: for she would eat it, she didn't care: she would eat it, come what might, and she'd make Adam eat it too; that she would, etc. I wish some of them would make me do something, so I do. Latter more moderate: set the topgallant sails. Lat. 10"06 S. Lon. 103"00 W.

June 9th Tues. Fresh trades. Set mizzen topgallant sail. See Nothing. A M took off the new Mizzen topsail, & bent the old one. Lat. 8"28 S. 102"04 W.

Incidental remarks. Memoranda
A. Abbot and Thomas Stearn
on the following page, run away
in Santo, agreeably, as I have since
learned, to their intentions before sailing.
Jas. McLean, Shiped at the above, [illegible]
June 1844. Discharged Chas. Allen [illegible]
Joseph Osborn, discharged at [illegible]
June 1844 on account of ill health
The Consul demanded 30 dollars to
the expenses to which the U. States
be liable. M. [illegible] fee $2 quite
Shiped in Talcahuano [illegible]
1845. Henry Jackson, Frederick Fortis,
Manuel Marai, Maguel Barrueda,
Harry Coffin, Johnny Maui, Jim
Crow, & Peter Parker, the last took
absconded, David Carleff, Charles
Elliot, Jas. Johnson, Discharged
Charles Plummer, H. Sampson
& Thos. Sampson, the last but
on account of having fits.
ped in Tahiti, Apr. 20th 1846. Jim Crow, native
and. Shiped in do. Robert Spencer, Ship keeper,
James Robinson, Joseph W. Hull, & Phillip
Lewis Seaman. The last a Frenchman. On
of sailing, but go, onboard the English Whaler
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llao. discharged Spencer, Robin
Lewis & Hull. Shiped Ed. Roberts,
Cary, Phillip Dodge, &
Dixon. Also a Spanish
Domingo Acosta by name.

Oil Account.

July, 16th	1844.	1,56	in the M. H. Forward.
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1846

June 10th Wednes. Begins with Fresh trades. Shifted the fore and maintopsails. Repairing the batten. At Night, in topgallantsails, & flyjib. Standing to the N.E. See one finback, with plenty of flying fish. A.M. repairing the main-topsail. Lat. 6.54 S. Lon. 100.55 miles.

June 11th Thurs. Fresh trades: Standing to the N.E. Under topsails. At night hauled up the mainsail.

June 12th Friday. 6.19 S. 100.10 W. See finbacks and porpoises. At night double reefed fore and main and veered to the N.E. A.M. veered to the South. Employed in repairing the spanker & gaff. Lat. 6.26 S. Lon. 100.30 W.

June 13th Sat. Strong trades: Standing to the South. See finbacks & some birds. At night veered to the N.E. Under single reefs. Finished and bent the spanker. Sea quite rugged, but nothing bad. A.M. wet the hold, fore and Main. 6.59 S. 100.28 West.

June 14th Sun. Wind unsteady. At 4 P.M. Washed off. At 6 Veered to the N.E. Under single reefs. Latter part squally. Lat. 6.23 S. 100.26 West. All hands employed, in reading, in looking out aloft, or in sleeping. This is the way our Sabbaths are spent or passed at sea.

Off Shore. Hector.
1866.

June 15th Mon. Moderate trades. Standing to the N.E. under single reefs. See finbacks. Wind baffling. Killed a terrapin that has been nearly eight months onboard; and found him quite passable: not fat, nor yet very lean. See porpoises & finbacks. 5.51 South.

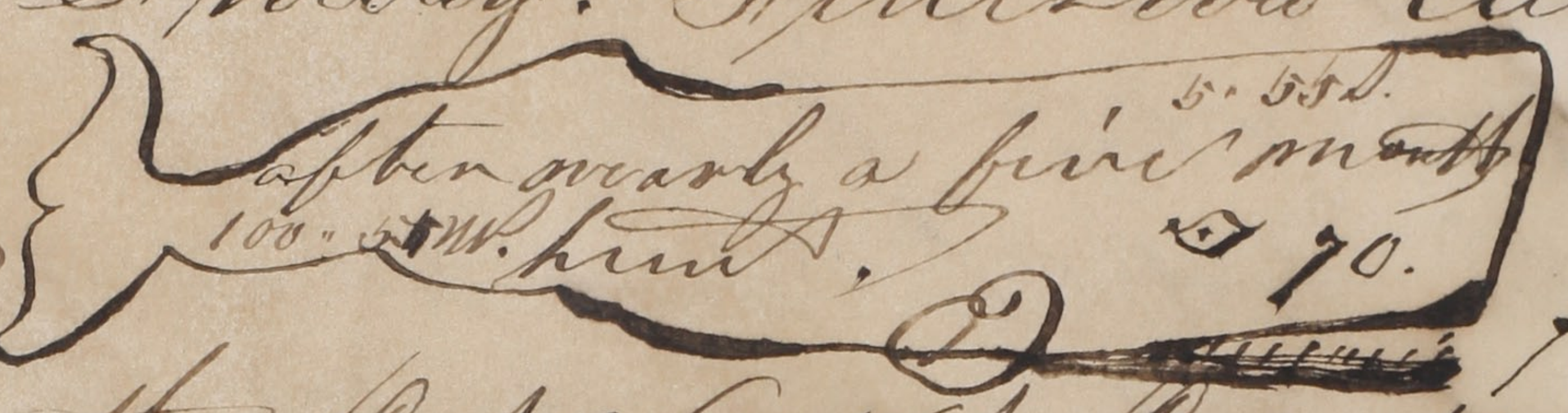
June 16th Tues. Moderate fine weather. Reefed main topgallant sail and fly-jib. At 6 p.m. took them in and wore to the N. East. See porpoises finbacks birds &c. 5.24 S. 99.50 W.

June 17th Wednes. Weather so good entirely, for whales. At night, in main-topgallant sail & fly jib, and wore off to S.W. Intend to run off all night & take one or two whales along side on the morrow, if we can catch them. A.M. Continue steering S.W. Lat. 5.51 S. Lon. 100.47 West.

June 18th Thurs. Steerings S.W. fresh breeze. At 1 P.M. raised whales 4 points off the lee bow, distant ½ mile. Hauled aback and lowered away. At about 3 struck the most running whale, that ever I saw, with only one exception. It is a very strange thing to tell but tis true; that at 5 P.M. we took the said whale along side. He finally yielded to the most active and vigorous exertion. Some two or more were seen, going to windward. Made preparation for cutting.

Hector. Off Shore.

June 19th Friday. 1846 Finished cutting the whale and veered to the south.


after nearly a five month hunt.
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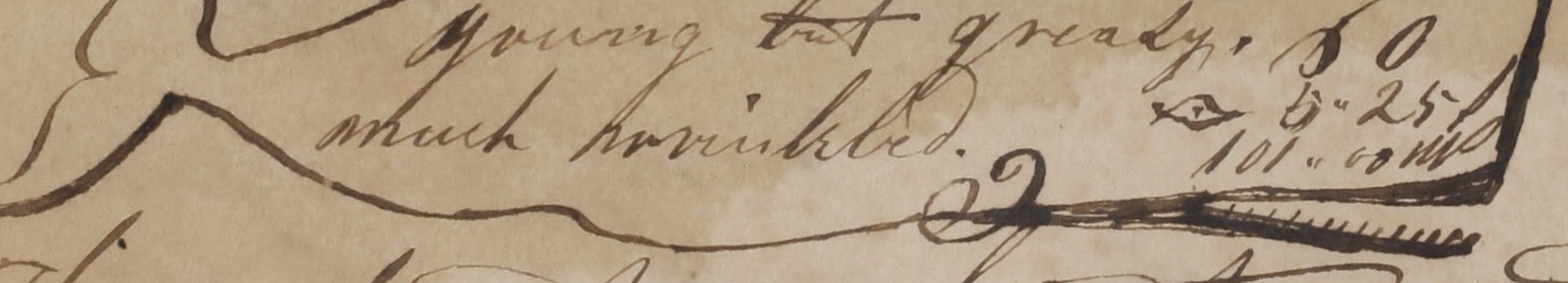
Veered to the South. Lat. 6.18 S. Lon. 101.36 W.

June 20th Sat. ~~At~~ 12 Veered to the N.E. under single reefs. Nothing seen. Continue boiling. A.M. the same. Weather cloudy with some squalls. No Observations.

June 21st Sun. Finished boiling and washed off. At dark Veered to the South. Saw white water, and ran off, but nothing more. Wind light for this country and season of the year. Noon Lat. 5.22 South

June 22d Mon. At 3 P.M. standing to the N.E. Saw whales off the lee bow and lowered. At sunset took and along side. At 7 P.M. took up the last boat, getting ready for cutting. Weather quite moderate. A.M. cut in the whale. His head is small in proportion to the size of his body. Veered to the South. 5.12 S. 101.35 W.



June 23d Tues. Stand to the South. Saw a breach, off the lee beam, but nothing more. A.M. broke out the after hold & commenced stowing down. Continue boiling. Standing to the N.E. under topsails.

Ship Hector Off Shore.
1846.

June 24th Wednes. Stowing down in the after hold. At Sunset knocked off and set the watch: continued boiling. Finished at 12 midnight. A.M. stowing down. Lat. 5"19 S. Lon. 102"08 W.

June 25th Thurs. Standing to the South. Finished stowing down and washed off. The last whale is to warm yet. At 6 P.M. veered to the N.E. set the mainsail. At 2 A.M. veered to the South. At 7 A.M. saw whales off the lee beam. Lowered without success. 5"24 S. 103"15 W.

June 26th Friday. Sunset veered to the N.E. under topsails. Saw a ship off the lee beam. A.M. veered to the South. Commenced stowing down. 5"34 S. 103"11 W.

June 27th Sat. Finished stowing down. Under double reefs: very rugged. Stowed the oil in the after hold starboard side and a little in the fore hold. Standing to the South. Ship still in sight off the lee beam. Latter part blowing fresh: strong. 6"22 S. 104"00 W.

June 28th Sund. Strong trades. Standing to the N.E. Repaired and bent the foresail. Repaired jib and fore-topsail, without unbending. Very rugged but some less wind. Standing to the N.E. At daylight veered to the South. 5"52 S. 103"40 W.

Hope deferred.

June 29th. Mon. 1846. Fresh trades and squally, with a great sea running. Standing to the South under double reefs. A.M. wore to the N.E. Nothing doing nor seen. 6"48 S. Lon. 144"00 W.

June 30th Tues. Strong trades. At night reefed the topsails over afresh, & wore to the South. Intend to go round again at midnight in order to take a whale along side tomorrow. Got up the forge and did up what blacksmithing there was on hand, today. Do not infer from my confident anticipations of tomorrow, here or elsewhere, that I am at all forgetful of our dependance upon God. The Idea is always present with me; and tho wholly undeserving, I am fully sensible that without His constant aid we cannot for one moment live. Life certainly is a blessing, or He would never have given it to us; for He is all goodness and love. Hence, from the most lovely attributes of that great, invisible, Power, which we call by the awful names of Jehovah, Jah, & God; we draw our argument in favor of life, tho ~~ever~~ never so unhappy. It is His gift, and therefore, must be good, tho we may not be able, from the feebleness of our mental visions, to see wherein it lies.

Ship Hector Off Shore
1846.

July 1st Wednes. Lat 6..02 South.
Standing to the N.E. under single
reefs. A Ship off the lee beam.
Seen Scrags but no sperm whales, so
far to day my hopes are vain.
Latter part standing to the South.
Seen finbacks. 5..22 S. 102..52 W.

July 2d Thurs. At 6 P.M.
wore to the N.E. Nothing Seen.
At daylight wore to the South. Nothing
Seen. Lat. 5..47 S. Lon. 103..20 W.

July 3d Friday. Fresh trades. Seen
Squid (pieces) & flying squid. A Sail
off the lee beam. At Six P.M. wore
to the N.E. Under single reefs. Took
several Lunar observations: Came about
right. Mean diff 8 miles to the East.

July 4th Sat. Lat. 6..03 S. Lon. 104..00
Fresh trades; turned out the reefs and
set reefs maintopgallant sail and fly jib.
Standing to the South. The ship still off
the lee beam. At dark wore to the
N.E. Saw a breach but nothing more.
At M two ships in sight. Wore to the
South. Lat. 5..57 S. Lon. 104..00 W.

July 5th Sun. Tacked to the N.E. Seen
Grampuses and Catty Scrags. No Ship in
sight. Lat. 5..23 S. Lon. 103..20 W.
Standing to the South.

Ship Hector Off Shore.

July 6th Mon. 1846. Fresh trades Standing to the South. At dark wore to the N.E. Nothing seen but finbacks. A.M. wore to the South. Lat. 5.23 S. 103.23 W.

July 7th Tues. Fresh trades and squally. At night in maintopgallant sail and wore to the N.E. double reefed the fore and main topsails. See finbacks. 5.20 S. 103.09 W.

July 8th Wednes. Standing to the N.E. Under topsails. Nothing seen. A.M. wore to the South.
Lat. 4.54 S. Lon. 102.36 W.

July 9th Set M.T.G.S. & T.G.S. See one ship off the lee beam. At night wore to the N.E. Saw finbacks in abundance and some porpoises and skipjacks. A.M. wore to the South. Lat. 5.23 S. 102.30 W.

July 10th Friday. Saw a ship off the lee beam. At 6 P.M. tacked to the N.E. All sail out. Saw great numbers of finbacks. A.M. wore to the South. Saw a ship off the weather beam cutting. Lat. 5.17 S 102.40

July 11th Sat. At 6 P.M. tacked to the N.E. Wind very light and baffling; sometimes almost calm. Caught a porpois. A.M. boarded the ship Chusan N.B. Smith 11 mo 500.

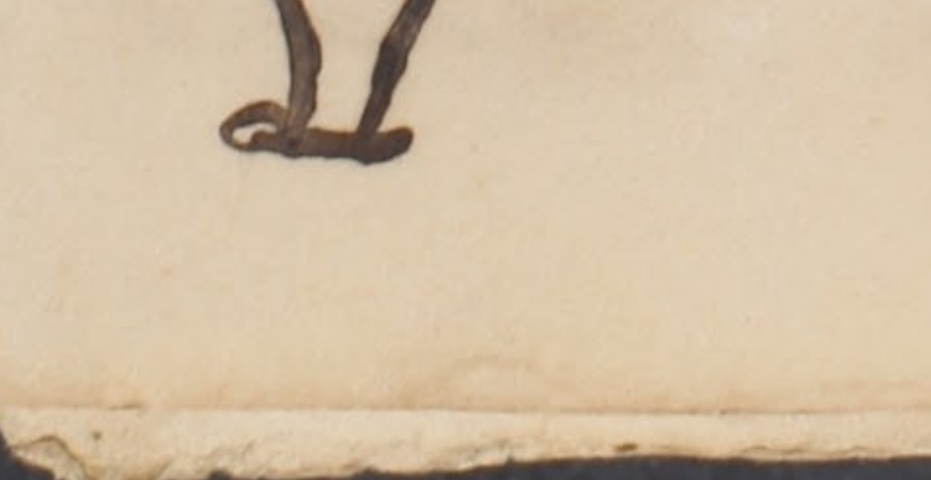
Ship Hector Off Shore.
1870.

July 12th Sun. Tacked to the South Lat. 4"40 S. Lon. 102"40 W. At 4 P.M. passed between the Ransom and bark Hesper, both standing to the N. East, and boiling. At 6 P.M. tacked to the N.E. Weather squally, wind baffling. All sail out. A.M. Veered to the South. 5"05 S. 102"50 W.

July 13th Mon. Fresh trades. At sunset tacked to the N.E. Saw fin-backs. and some squid. & porpoises. passed the two above named ships, about 10 miles to windward. Lat. 5"28 S. Lon. 102"52 W.

July 14th Tues. Strong trades. Standing to the South. At sunset veered to the N.E. Saw two ships. off the weather beam gamming. A.M. wind light. Saw a dead whale off the weather beam 5 miles. Lowered; pulled up but ~~but~~ found him too old. The head had dropped and body burst. Returned on board. Lat. 5"28 S. 102"50 W.

July 15th Weds. Standing to the South. Saw porpoises. All sail out. A.M. veered to the N.E. At 8 A.M. saw whales off the lee bow, and lowered without success. Lat. 6"25 S. 103½ W.



Cruising Off Shore

1840

July 16th Thurs. Weather very squally. Standing to the N.E. Passed two ships. At sunset single reefed. At M veered to the south. Lat. 5.18. 103.09 W.

July 17th Friday. Standing to the south under topsails. At night double reefed. At M. veered to the N.E. Lat. 6.26 S. Lon. 103.30 W.

July 18th Sat. Standing to the N.E. At 4 P.M. passed a five boat ship standing to the south. Sails new and other indications of being just out from home: paint black - waist white with ports. Signal blue - white and blue; stripes horizontal, with the middle extended. At M. veered to the south. Lat. 5.55 S.

July. 19th Sun. At 2 P.M. saw a ship take a whale to leeward. Bore off lowered. At ½ past 4 struck. Mr. Smith got his left hand torn badly with an iron and was obliged to cut: by which means the whale was lost. Saw another large shoal going off to leeward: Dark took up the boats. Shortened sail.

July 20th Mon. 5.59 S. 103.30 W. Squally. Standing to the south. Two ships in sight. At night veered to the N.E. double reefed.

Ship Hector Off Shore.
1846.

July 21st Tues. Lat. 5"57 S. 104 W. Standing to the South. one ship in sight off the weather beam. At night wered to the S.E. single reef'd fore and main. A.M. 4 ships in sight. Standing N.E.

July 22d Wednes. 5"24 S. 104 W. Moderate fine weather and no whls. All sail out. bent the fore top gallant sail. At night. tacked to the South.

July 23d Thurs. 6"15 S. 103"50. Standing to the South. Spoke & gammed with the bark Russel Cpt. Morse 10 months. with 750. A.M. three ships in sight. Wered to the south. Lat. 6"50 S. 104"30 W.

July 24th Friday. Weather good. Heard by the the above ship; that war had broke out between the U.S. and Mexico, that had fought one battle. Mexicans killed 2500. Americans 200. Also that war with England is daily expected. Also that the English and French fleets in this Ocean, had gone to Columbia river, and that a part of the U.S fleet had blockaded the ports of Mexico on this side. All of which we "partly believe!" Also that Russia had let, the whole of her fleet for a stipulated sum, to England. which is more than we can hoist in.

Off Shore.

July 25th Sat. Lat. 6.11 S. 104.09 W. Fresh trades and fine weather. Standing to the N.E. Spoke and gammed with the Rosseau of N.B. Smith 11 mo 500. A.M. veered to the south. Lat. 5.34 S. Lon. 103.50 W.

July 26th Sun. Standing to the South. at night spoke the above ship; nothing seen. A.M. two ships in sight. Lat. 5.46 S. 104.30 W.

July 27th Mon. Standing to the N.E. Spoke the ship Enterprise of Nantucket, Wyer, 4 mo 350 W. At 11 P.M. finished the gam and veered to the South. Lat. 6.22 S. 104.31.

July, 28th Tues. At 6 P.M. veered to the N.E. Under topsails. A.M. back to the South. Lat. 6.16 S. Lon. 104.29 W.

July 29th Wednes. Nothing at all seen. At night veered to the south. A.M. One ship in sight. Standing to the south. Lat. 6.17 S. Lon. 104.29 W.

July 30th Thurs. Veered twice round for a ship supposed to be the Omega of Nantucket. but he would not come down. See finbacks. Standing to the South. Lat. 7.19 S. Lon 105.12 W.

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July 31st. Friday. Standing to the South under single reefs. Nothing at all seen. S.M. bent a new spanker. Lat. 9.04 S. 105.40.

Aug. 1st Sat. Standing to the South. Fresh trades. Latter part the same. Saw squid &c. 10.40 S. 106.30

Aug. 2d Sun. Standing to the South. See squid flying fish &c. Whole topsails. Wind about E.S.E & fresh. Two men sick. John Merrihew & Jas. Robinson have been sick with dysentary, but are now some better. Lat 12.29 S. Lon. 107.06 W.

Aug. 3d Mon. Another day is gone into oblivion: but what is a day in a voyage like this? it is a drop in the ocean, a sand on the shore, a star in the Milky way, a moment of time, a speck on the Andes, a curious affair that defies investigation, forasmuch as it cannot be recalled, but lies hid forever from our view in the impenetrable past. — Middle part squally. Double reefs. 14.11 S. 107.20

Aug. 4th Tues. Weather squally, but not bad. Still steering by the wind to the South. Saw two birds, one finback and some grampuses & porpoises.

Done with Off Shore for 1846.

Aug. 5th Wednes. Lat. 16.56 S. 108 W. Squally. double reefed the topsails. 7 P.M. Johny Maui, a canaca, denied duty and went below, without assigning any reasonable cause. Let him alone till morning, in the hope that he will come out without force. 7 A.M. canaca still below, savage and stubborn. Went forward, and coaxed him on deck but he soon went below again. Mr Smith again called him up, he obeyed, but refused to come aft and go to work. I now thought it time to decide who was to be master of the Ship. Accordingly I took a piece of ratline stuff, went forward and gave him a bout four or five cuts, by which means I thought to drive him to his duty, but they had a very contrary effect. Instead of going aft, he bolted with savage ferocity, headforemost into me, seized me by the neck, and having the weather gage, and being very stout he soon placed me across the bowsprit heel, on my back, in no very enviable situation. I believe he would have killed me had he possessed the means. He was actually mad. Some half dozen then came to my assistance and we soon put him irons, and there he shall remain, at least till some of his savage ferocity is is abated.

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Aug. 6th Thurs. Lat. 17"44 South Lon. 108"40 W. Fresh, from E.S.E. and fair. Put the turbulent canaca into the fore hold. This is the first trouble of the kind that we have had since leaving home. I am extremely sorry this has happened and hope we shall have no more. I would much sooner give a man a dollar than a blow with a rope. These natives are quite destitute of reason and are governed wholly by their passions. Weather very squally: wind baffleing some rain.

Aug. 7th Friday. Lat. 19"34 S. 109"09 W. Weather very squally. Bent fore & main top sails. Double reefed. Heavy swell running all ways. Canaca still in irons. A.M. took him on deck and let him out. on promise of good behaviour, for the future. Lat. 21"21 S. 109"30 W.

Aug. 8th Sat. Fresh gale from the S.E. and squally. Close reefs. A.M. turned out one reef. 22"54 S. 109½ W

Aug. 9th Sun. Fresh baffleing & squalls. Under double reefs. Lat. 24"36. 109"06.

Aug. 10th Mon. Winds variable: towards last. Light; made all sail. Weather very fine; sea tolerable smooth.

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Aug. 11th Tues. Lat. 25.36 S 109"07. Moderate from the North. All sail out. Repairing the foretopsail. Middle and latter squally with rain but not much wind. Lat. 24"45 S. 108"13 W.

Aug. 12th Wednes. Moderate from the south and cloudy. All sail out, standing to the Eastward. Repairing the fore-top-sail. 25.32 S. 106"26 W.

Aug. 13th Thurs. Fine breeze from S S E and fair. Bent fore top gallant s. Latter part squally. Lat. 24"58 S. 106"07 W.

Aug 14th Friday. Squally from the S.E. veering round to the East. double reefed, and veered to the south. Latter part wind out to the N.E. and light. Lat. 26"01 S. 104"00 West Lon.

Aug. 15th Sat. Moderate and fair; cloudy. calked some in the decks, and staunchions on the larboard side abreast the steerage birthes. All sail out; steering to the S E by the wind. Lat. 27"11 S. 102"20 W.

Aug. 16th Sund. Fine breeze from the North and cloudy, steering E b S.

Aug. 17th Mon. Lat. 28"26 S. 99"23 W. Fresh from the North. All sail out,

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1846.

Aug. 18th Tues. Lat. 29"32. 97"2 W.
Moderate from the north and
cloudy. Some light squalls of
rain. This morning saw a steam
boat a long distance off to the
North, steering to the Westward.

Aug. 19th Wednes. 30"02 N. 94"55 W.
94"55 West. Wind continues at the
North, and weather cloudy. Some
rain. Fresh in fore and mizen top
gallant sails. Employed in picking
okum and making sinnet, for want
of better business. Some business.

Aug. 20th Thurs. Fine breeze from
the North and fair. Lat. 20"07 N. 92"20 W.
All sail set steering to the East.
A.M. in topgallantsails. Barometer
fell 4 tenths since yesterday, namely
from 30.3 inches to 29.9 do still falling.
Wind N.N.W. Lat 29"59 N. 89"00 W.

Aug 21st Friday. Fresh gale
29.85. Hove to close reefed maintopsail.
falling Dont wish to make southern and
cannot safely make eastern on
account of the sea. Wind N.W.
29.7. Some rain. 7 P.M. wind died away
stationary & shifted to West. then to W.N.W. Made some
sail steering E.N.E. Var. 3/4 East. 29"47 N 86"20.

Aug. 22d Sat. Fresh gale from N.N.W.
29.74 rising. double reefed fore and main. mains. in.

29.12 S 84.. 05 W.

Aug. 23d Moderate from S.W. All
bar. 29.8. sail out. Steering N.E. Light squalls
rising. of rain. Lat. 28.. 06 S. Lon. 82.. 11 W.

Aug. 24th Mon. Moderate from the
29.97 S.W. and fair. with a large swell. Sor
rising. scraps. Lat. 27.. 13 S. Lon. 80.. 24 West.

Aug. 25th Tues. Light from the Eastern board, and fair. Steering E.N. At 2 P.M. raised the land, probably Isle St. Ambrose. bearing N.E.b.N. 40 m. Middle part calm. Latter light wind St. Ambrose at Noon. bears N.N.E. distant 20 miles. Lat. 26.. 46 South.

Aug. 26th Wednes. Steering towards the above Island. Wind light. At 6 P.M. prospect of a good breeze. Hauled up N.E. all sail out. Ambrose bears N.East dist. 6 miles. This Island is probably about 4 miles in length, and sufficiently high to be seen 40 miles. We could see some trees, that appeared to be scattering and of tolerable size. Some say there are goats on this Island. It is high enough for water, but whether it contains any I know not. It appears to rise very abruptly from the shore. The other is plain in sight St Felix) and presents a barren appearance. A story is in being that some men came near perishing with thirst, which were left by a sealer. 25.. 46. 79.. 00 W.

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Aug. 27th Thurs. Wind breeze from the S.E. b S. Cloudy. Steering N.E. all sail out. Picking oakum. Probably trades. Lat. 23.58 S. 76.20 W.

Aug. 28th Friday. Steering N.E b E. in fore and mizzen & reefed the main top gallant sails. Strong wind from S.S.E. and cloudy, with some fog in squalls. Porpoises in abundance. Middle fresh gale double reefed. 22.20 S 74.18 W.

Aug. 29th Sat. Moderated again. All sail out. Heavy swell from the South. Wind S.S.E. Steering N. E.b.E. Latter part calm. Lat. 21.20 S 73.05 W.

Aug. 30th Sun. Calm or nearly so. 4 p.m. washed off. Lat. 20.53 S. 72.55 W.

Aug. 31st Mon. Nearly calm. Light squalls of rain from the South. Arica N.E ½ E. distant 150 miles by Chron. Latter part, calm. Lat. 20.25 S. 72.23 W.

Sept. 1st Tues. Light breeze from the E.S.E. Steering to the N.E. Fitted new fore royal rigging. A.M. passed a bark bearing the Hanoverian flag. Light breeze from South. 19.52 S. 72.05 W.

Sept. 2d Wednes. Moderated from the South. Steering N.E. b E. A.M. made the land, bluff head, about 20 miles to windward of Arica, White sand cliffs. 19 S. 70.32 W.

the Coast of Peru: Where
we hope to find something to do! 1866.—
Sept 3rd Thursday. Light from the
south. At night nearly calm. hauled to off
Shore. Middle and latter part calm.

Sept. 4th Friday. Light wind.
Within 20 miles of the bluff to wind-
ward of Arica. Hauled off to west-
ward: wind to light for laying off here.
These sand cliffs extend down within
about 10 miles of Arica, perhaps nearer
I have no means of knowing certain-
ly. They present a remarkable ap-
pearance, and once seen, are not eas-
ily forgotten. When the sun shines
on them, the appear streaked of different
colours.— At night light breeze from
the South. Steering out W.b.N. in
hopes to make an offing before mor-
ning. Land off the lee beam distant
about 40 miles. The coast north of here,
tends in a N.W. b.W. direction; for
about 5 degrees. thence more to the South.
Latter dark weather: no Observation.

Sept. 5th Light wind or calm. Pass-
ed a merchant bark ~~that~~ was steering
in towards Ilo or Arica. Land
still in sight. Lat. 18:20 S. Lon. 71:40 W.

Sept. 6th Sun. Calm. Lowered a boat
and caught 2 turtles. Latter Cloudy.

Sept. 7th Mon. Calm. 4 P.M. some
squalls in the horizon; light from South.

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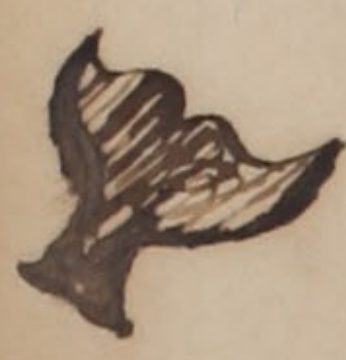
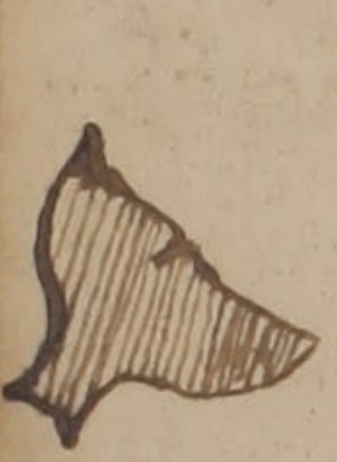
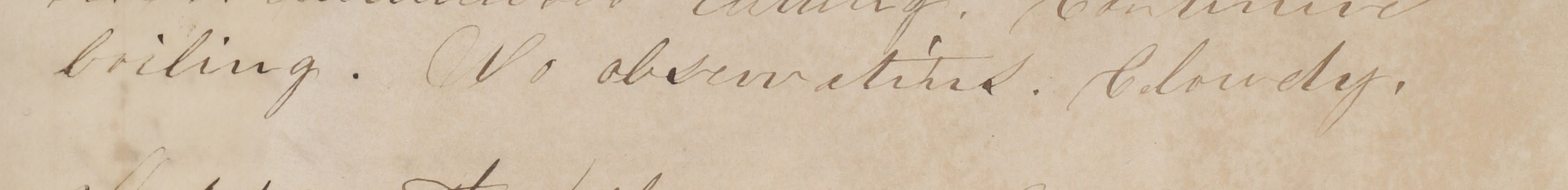
Sept 7th Mon. Middle and latter part light breeze from E.S.E. At 10 A.M. saw sperm whales in five different pods. Lowered the boats.
17.30 S. 72.30 W.



Sept. 8th Tues. At 4 P.M. took two small whales alongside; and cut in one before dark. Veered to the south, with the other astern, and main yard aback. A.M. Cut in the remaining whale & veered to the south. Lat. 18.12 S. 72.56 W.



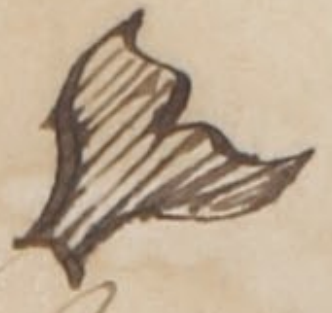
Sept. 9th Wednes. Moderate trades and fine weather. Raised a large whale, and finally succeeded in catching him. Took him alongside at 5 p.m. Put on a fluke rope and veered him astern; then veered the ship to the south with main yard aback.


25 S.B.
20 W.B.
very large head and Jaw.
80 B.B.

A.M. commenced cutting. Continue boiling. No observations. Cloudy.

Sept. 10th Thursday. Moderate trades. Finished cutting the whale, and got the case up before dark. Heavy swell from the south. Saw a Schooner off to leeward, standing to the eastward. The starboard boat stove in her bottom, so that she filled at once, and was towed aboard.

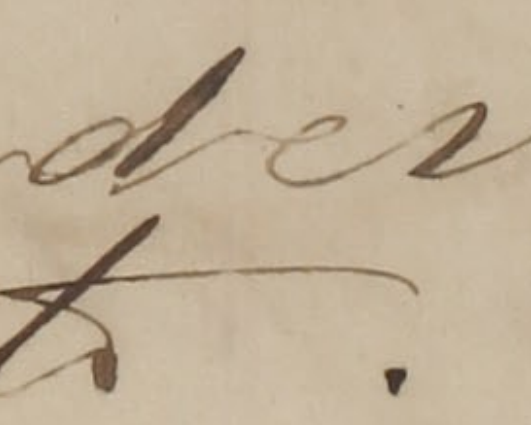
Cruising Off Arica 1846.



Sept. 11th Friday. Saw a body of whales to windward going to windward. Repaired the starboard boat. Frederic North, seaman, sick. Land in sight. Lat. 17"07 S. 73"42 W. Weather moderate, with some light squalls. At 5 P.M. veered to the south. Continue boiling. Latter part very moderate. Lat. 17"25 S. Lon. 73"26 West.

Sept. 12th Sat. Very moderate and baffling. Standing by the wind to the N.E. At 4 P.M. veered to the south. Continued boiling. 6 p.m. commenced cutting the junk. Maintopgallant sail and flyjib. A.M. Veered to the N. East. Saw a breach to windward. Lat. 17"46 S. 74"00 W.

Sept. 13th Sun. At 4 P.M. finished boiling. Wet the hold and washed off. Fresh trades and fine weather: standing to the Eastward under topsails. A.M. veered to the South.



Sept. 14th Mon. Lat. 17"31 S. 74"46 W. There appears to be a strong current setting away N.W. At 2 p.m. saw whales. Lowered. Larboard boat struck and broke one of Durfees irons. Cows and calves. A.M. broke out in the after hold, starboard side. No Observations.

Sept. 15th Tues. Stowing down. Weather moderate and cloudy. Wind S.E.

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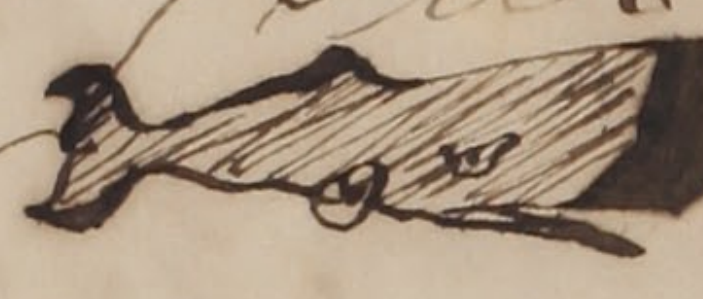
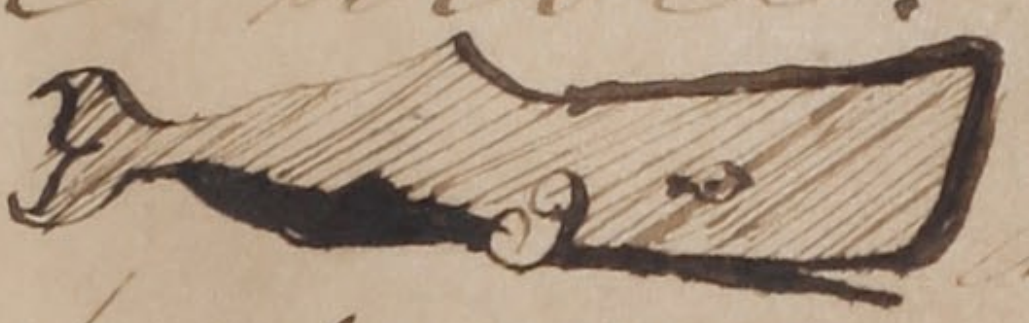
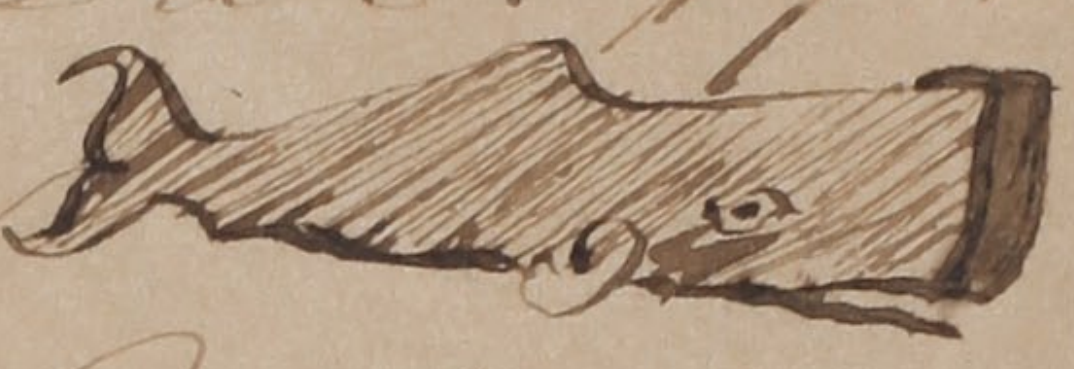
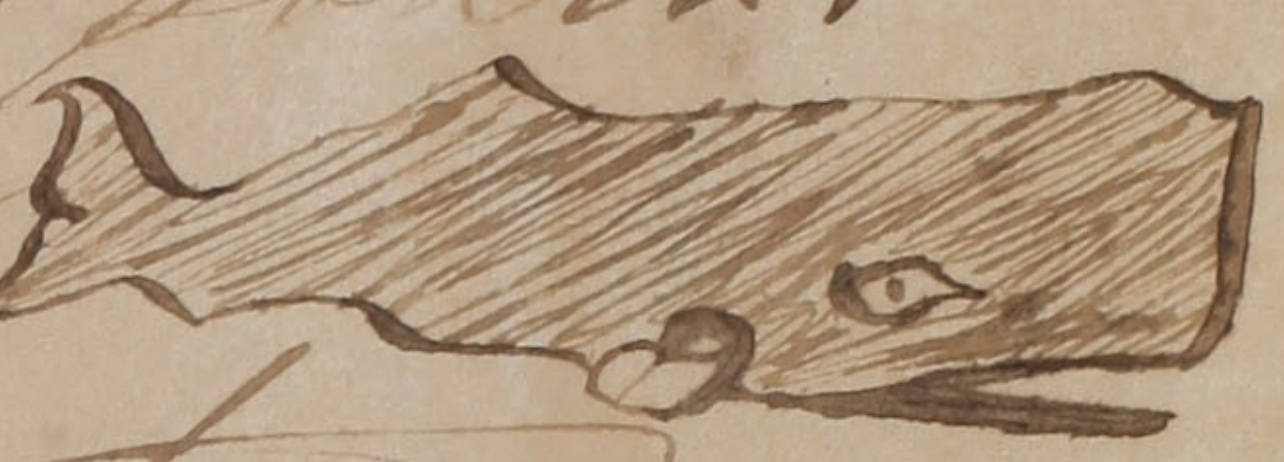
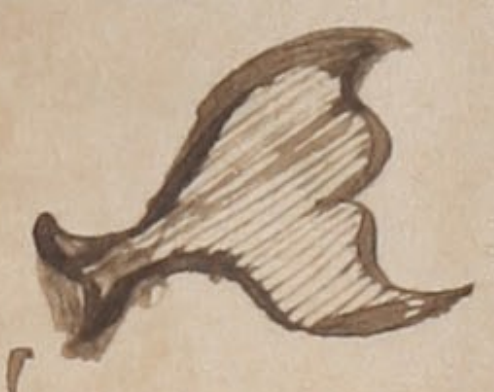
Sept 16th Wednes. Lat. 17"42 S. 73"30 W.
Weather moderate. Standing to the South. At 4 p.m. saw whales off both bows. Lowered the boats; struck; whales brought to. caught four. took the last one along side at 8 p.m. Took them all astern. A.M. Cut in three. Lat. 17"41 South.
Spe  r  m  c 

Sept. 17th Thurs. Cut in the other whale and veered to the South. Weather Moderate. Wind S.E. There is a heavy swell from the South, constantly. A.M. veered to the N.E. Continue boiling. Lat. 18"00 S. 74"12 W.

Sept. 18th Friday. Moderate cloudy weather. Standing to the N. East.

Sept. 19th Sat. Lat. 17"54 S. 73"40 W. Continue Boiling. Moderate.

Sept 20th Sun. Lat. 17"44. South. Finished boiling and washed off.



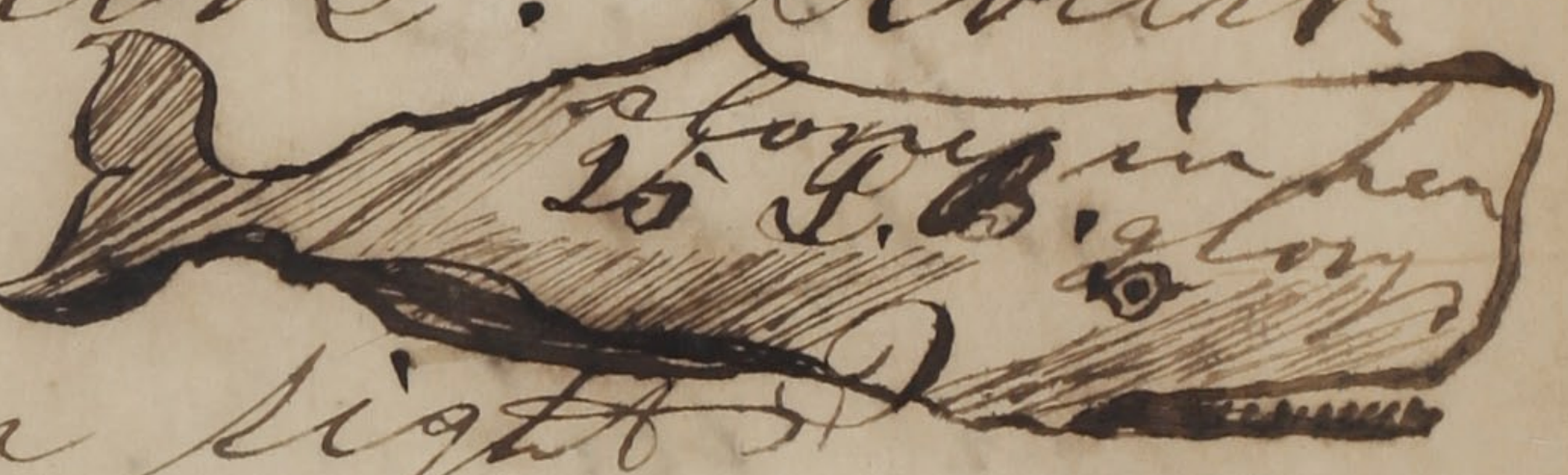
Sept. 21st Mon. Land in sight. and a great plenty of whales, of all sizes and both sexes, mostly to windward. Lowered struck, and parted the line. Onboard at dark. 2 A.M. tacked to the East. Begun stowing down in the after hold larboard side. Lat 17"37 S.

Off Arica. Coast Peru.

Sept. 22d Tues. Land distant about 20 miles. Steered to the S.W. All sail out. Stowing down in the after hold. Three men off duty, viz. Tristram Freeman, Spencer, Robinson, all sick. A.M. veered to the Eastward. Lat. 17" 46 South.

Sept. 23d Wednes. Finished stowing down and washed off. At night land plain in sight, steered to the South. See finbacks. A.M. saw whales. About 70 miles from land.

Sept. 24th Thurs. Struck two whales, saved one. About a dozen whales in sight all small. We find the whales, from 60 to 70 miles from land, in shoals, mostly small. There are probably some large lone whales, about 90 or 100 miles, migrating down the coast, but tis hard to find, the weather is so heavy.



Sept. 25th Friday. Lat. 17" 58 S. 72" 46 W. Moderate weather. Boiling. Large swell from the South. Lat. 17" 18 S. 72" 35 W.

Sept. 26th Sat. Moderate cloudy weather. One sail seen to windward and two to leeward. A.M. saw whales & lowered. 17" 42 South.

Ship Hector off Arica.
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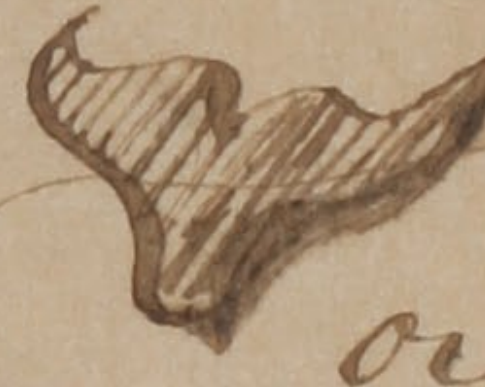
Sept. 27th Sun. Fresh trades. Under topsails. Plenty of small whales in sight, but rather wild. Caught one & cut him in before night.

Sept. 28th Mon. Strong trades 17"20 S. Double reefs. Boiling. Odd wind.

Sept. 29th Tues. No Observations. Stowing Down in the after-hold. Plenty of finbacks. A.M. finished stowing down. Lat. 17"06 S.

Sept. 30th Wednes. Lowered for a whale that acted as if he had irons in him. Ran out of sight to windward in a short time. Veered to the South. Lat. 17"35 S. 72"47 W.



Oct. 1st Standing to the N.E. Moderate weather. At night veered to the South. Land distant about 20 miles. Lat. 17"51 S. 73 W.

Oct. 2d Friday. Standing to the South. See a merchant bark, steering about N.N.W. Wind light

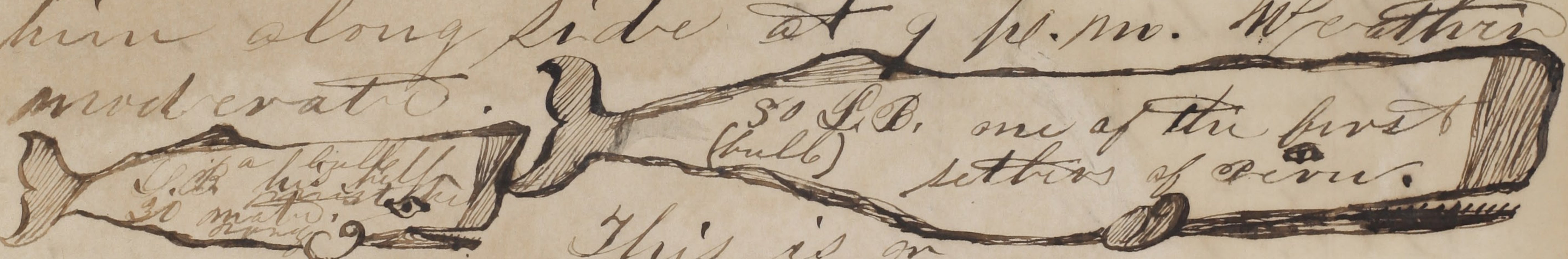
Oct. 3d Sat. Lat. 17"52 S. 73"30 W. Nearly calm. See finbacks and grampuses. Lat. 17"34 South 73"14 W.

Costa Brava. Peru.

Oct. 4th Sun. 1846. Light wind. At 2 P.M. Saw Sperm whales off the weather bow, going on a wind to the N.E. tacked several times but all to no purpose. They seemed to be aware of our bloody propensities and kept out of reach.

Oct. 5th Mon. Light wind. Saw white water away to windward. At night nearly calm. A.M. Saw whales, lowered and struck two, one large the other small.

Oct. 6th Tues. Took the small whale alongside without difficulty, but the large one proved very bad. Stove the bow boat. Almost impossible to go near him. All fight. He would chase the boats with fury when they ventured near him. He spouted blood about 9 hours. Took him alongside at 9 p.m. Weather moderate.

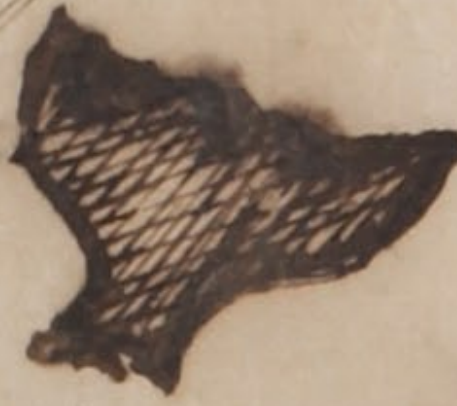

S.B.
30
50 S.B.
(bull)
one of the first settlers of Peru.

This is or was the most ugly, ill shaped whale, I and like ole Falstaff, I want words to tell what he is like. Such a whale was never seen by any on board. A.M. cut in the large whale.

Oct. 7th Wednes. Cut in the other whale and begun to boil. Weather nearly calm. Lat. 17. 17 South.

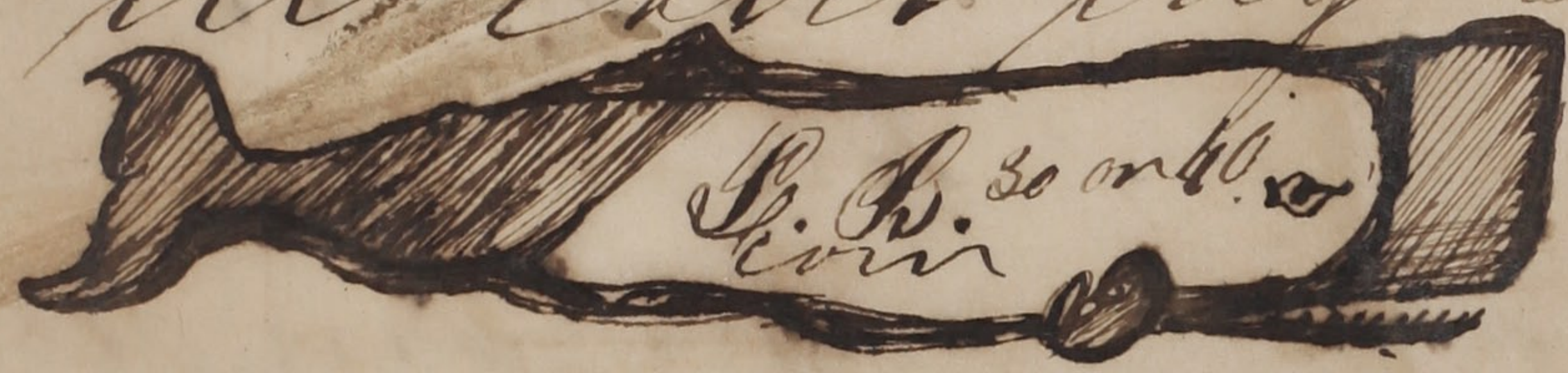
Ship Hector Off Africa.
1868

Oct. 8th Thurs. Lat. 17.36 S.
74.09 W. Boiling. At sunset,
Saw a small shoal of whales
going to leeward, Rather late.



A.M. fresh breeze. Lat. 17.08 S. 74.12 W.

Oct. 9th Friday. Saw a shoal of
whales. Lowered, and after a
pretty hard scratch, succeeded,
in catching a 40 bbl whale.



Boiling. 17.10 South.
Fresh trades –
A.M. Cut in the whale. 17.10 S 74.00 W.

Oct. 10th Sat. Strong trades and
rugged. Double reefed fore and main.
See finbacks. Lat. 17.54 S. 74.20 W.

Oct. 11th Sun. Fresh trades. and
rugged sea. Finished boiling,
coopered the oil and washed off.
Standing to the N. E. under dou
ble reefed topsails. Lat. 17.32 S. 73.55 W

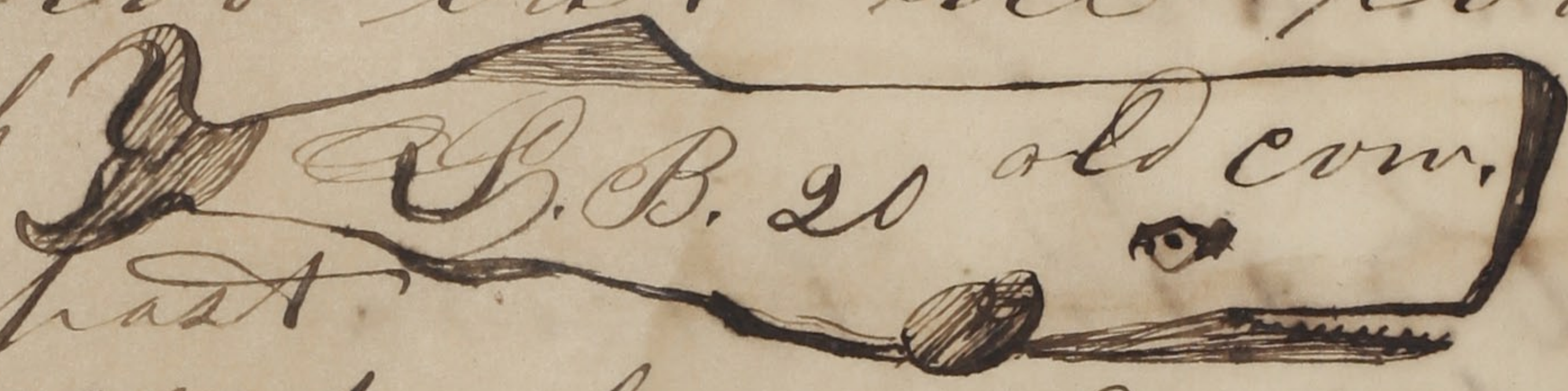
Oct. 12th Mon. Less wind but heavy
seas. Weather cloudy. See finbacks.
A.M. Stowing Down. Lat. 17.54 South.

Oct. 13th Tues. Moderate but
still rather rugged. Employed in
stowing down in the after hold.
A.M. stowing down. No Obs.

Costa Brava.

Oct. 14th Wednes. 1874. Finished stowing the after hold and started down, what we had left into the ground forward. Washed off. A.M. repairing the bow boat.

Oct. 15th Thurs. Lat 17.31 S. Weather moderate. Saw whales; lowered, caught one. Struck two but the iron broke. took along side at 1/2 past 5 p.m. A sail off to leeward. Cut in the whale and veered to the south.


S.B. 20 old cow.

Oct. 16th Friday. Lat. 17.17 S. 74 W. Boiling. Repairing the stoven boat. A.M. a ship off the lee beam, manoeuvering, hauled off. Lat. 17.20 S.

Oct. 17th Sat. Strong trades. Spoke the Chas. Carrol. of Nant. Stowing down. 28 mos 1700, 800 Whb. double reefed. Lat. 17.17 S. 74.30 W.

Oct. 18th Sun. Strong trades and rugged. A sail to the south. Great numbers of finbacks.

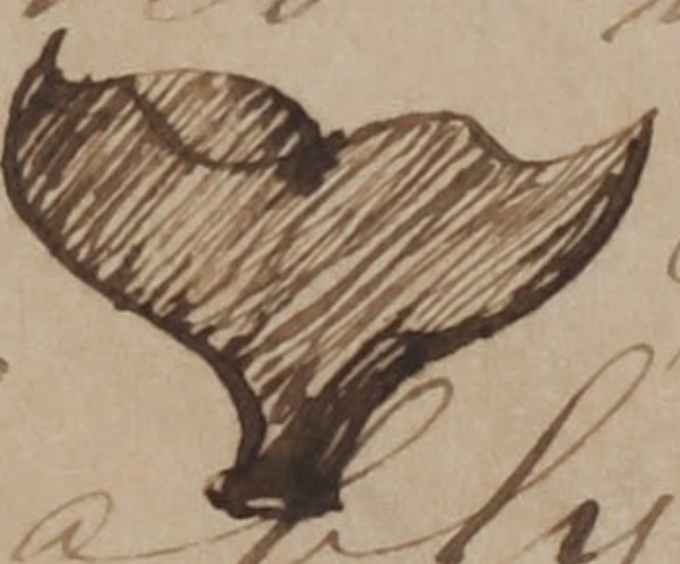
Oct. 19th Mon. Lat. 17.31 South. Wind out to S.S.E. Standing to the East. Weather moderated. Set M. Top Gall. Sail & fly jib. One finback. Cloudy. Lat. 17.07 S. Lon. 73.15 W.

24 mos out

Ship Hector Off Africa.

Oct. 20th Tues. 1846. Weather moderate. Repairing the bow boat. Standing to the N. East. Land probably in sight. Nothing in sight like whales. At 10 P. M. veered to the South. Lat. 17"26, 72"20 W.

Oct. 21st Wednes. Fresh breeze. Under topsails. Finished the boat. A. M. Caught a blackfish. 17"26 S. 72"19 W.

Oct. 22d Thurs. At Night, veered to the N. E. Maintopgallant sail & fly jib out. Bent a new mainsail. A. M. Saw a large sperm whale going to leeward. Lowered the boats, and made a fauxpas.  No Obs. Probably 17"10 S.

Oct. 23d Friday. Chased the whale till near night, to no purpose. Took up the boats. Weather fine. Nearly all sail out.

Oct. 24th Sat. 17"09 S. Lon. 72"46 West. Land distant about 25 miles. Weather moderate. Standing to the South. Boiled out the blackfish. 17"36 S. 72"50.

Oct. 25th Sun. Moderate weather. See finbacks, sharks, swordfish, sun fish, &c. Tacked to the N. East.

Oct. 26th Mon. 17"40 S. 72"35 West. Shortened sail and hove to at night.

Coast of Peru

17"43 S. 73"00 W.

Oct. 27th 1846. Tues. Light trades. Steering W. S. W. at night hove to. A.M. kept off to N.W. Lat. 17"20 S. 73"45 W.

Oct. 28th Wednes. Repaired the maintopgallant Sail. & Jib. Weather moderate and sea smooth. Steering N.W. W. At night hove too heading to the N.E. head yards aback. Took several Lunar Observations. Lon, 74"00 West.

Oct. 29th Thurs. Lat. No observations. Land in sight, distant about 25 miles. Passed a merchant brig, beating up the coast. Steering W. N. W. At, night luffed to the South maintopsail to the mast: in Topgt.

Oct. 30th Friday. Lat. 16"11 S. 74"35 W. Close in to the Coast of the far famed Peru. Running off all day: at night. hauled too off Shore. A.M. Squared away and set maintopgslts. Lat, 15"36 S. 75"35 W.

Oct 31st Sat. Strong trades. Land in sight, distant about 24 miles. Put out the bow boat. At night luffed to & double reeffed. Strong trades. A.M. strong tradees and Squally. 14"34 S. 76"24 W.

Nov. 1st. Sun. Land distant about 10 m. At night luffed to off Sangallan Island. A.M. Squared away for Pisco. At noon well in to the weather part of the bay. Steering for a ship at Anchor.

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Nov. 2d Mon. Lying off Pisco. Went on shore and onboard of a schooner at anchor. Returned onboard at 5 p.m. Stood out past the Islands that form the bay. where were lying some 20 sail of ships, loading with that celebrated manure called guana. (pronounced wah nah) Stood off all night and fore noon. Lat 13" 39 S. Lon. 77° W.

Nov. 3d Tues. Steering to the west, and North. At night luffed too. 4 M, Squared away to the north. 12"48 S. 77"48 W.

Nov. 4th Wednes. Moderate fine weather. Stowed down the last whale. Set up some pipe shooks. St. Lorenzo (Island) bears N. E. distant about 40 miles. See humpbacks. A. M. saw the Island of Lorenzo. At 2 p. m. anchored in the Port of Callao. There is a large fleet here, mostly merchanman, half of which are loaded with guana bound to Queen Victorias Island (England). There are two men of war. The French Frigate Virginia, named for a daughter of Layfayette. and an English Sloop. The American Eagle is not here; our fleet is on the coast of Mexico. We hear that the long pending controversy about Oregon is finally settled, at the 49th degree,

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England is to have equal privileges in navigating the Columbia river, for 12 years. Mexico has declared war against the States, and raised some force, but is in a State of anarchy. The people of these ancient provinces of Spain are incapable of Self government on account of their ignorance and baseness of moral character and the influence of Selfish heartless, priests, who seek not the wellfare of their flock, but their own aggrandisement. Lima is called a "Second Soddom" and very appropriately. The women are exceedingly fond of dress and intrigue, and the men of military Show, and gambling, and the priest of mammon, pleasure and luxury. They preach purgatory and practice as if they were axious to be there. From what I saw heard there is very little, if any, genuine "domestic happiness" to be found among this people. They have two meals a day. The men usually resort to the Fondas (publichouses) while the women snatch a morsel at home, or at the house of some associate, while their children, if they have any, are left to the mercy of dirty, drunken cooks and easeseeking talkative housmaids. There are no public Schools. The Seminaries of learning are available only to the rich. Patriotism is unknown. Wealth is the object of pursuit by the government officers. The permanent

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good the lasting prosperity and happiness of their country is and has been an object minor importance. Here there are no Washingtons, Adamses, Jeffersons, or Franklins, to draw the sword of justice, in the cause of suffering humanity, or with unflinching firmness and resistless eloquence to plead their countrys cause, or with consummate wisdom, to meet and remove the ills of life, and light the torches of science and religious truth, to point out and lead the way to human happiness, human greatness, and strong undying hopes of future immortal bliss. to teach the present generation, and those yet unborn, the source and object of true courage, the power of wisdom, the excellence of virtue its value, its intrinsic, never fading beauty. O may the people of the United happy States, while the watch with unceasing vigilance the present and commit, with devout thanksgiving, to God, the future destinys of their country, never O never forget the past, but always cherish, with religious veneration the names of those who, under God, reared that great and growing fabric, of religious & civil liberty, and domestic bliss.

Sailed from Callao 1846.

Nov. 16th Light trades. At 4. P.M. got under way and stood directly out to sea. The bark Russell, Capt Morse came in this afternoon to land a sick man or two. The old gentleman has concluded to stay on shore all night. Took in the anchors, set up bowsprit shrouds &c. Passed Lorenzo about 2 p. m. A. M. Fitted the boats &c.

35 month out

Nov 18th Wednesday. Fresh trades. Standing to the S.W. under topsails. Clearing up & getting ready for whaling. A.M. Standing to the S. W. Lat. 13.39. 77.26 W.

Nov. 19th Thurs. Moderate trades Standing to the S.W. Saw birds & Sunfish. Lat. 13.13 S. Lon. 80.08 W.

Nov. 20th Friday. Moderate fine weather. Saw an old carcass, Some blackfish & finbacks. 13.50 81.03.

Nov. 21st Sat. Fresh and squally. At night double reefed the topsails— Am. turned out the reefs. Lat. 14.46 S. 82.30 W.

Nov 22d Sun. At night wore to the N.E. under topsails: up courses. A.M. made some sail Lat. 11.40 S. 81.45 W.

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Nov. 23d Mon. Fresh trades. double reefed the topsails. See porpoises. Lat. 13"58 S. 80"59 W. Continue standing on to the Eastward. At night shortened sail. See cowfish. It is reccommended by the New York Chamber of commerce, to lay aside the old method of journalising, in Nautical time and to substitute the Civil method of computation, which is more conveniant and simple. Thus far in this journal the civil is used only in Port.

Nov. 24th Tues. Fresh trades. Pass'd a large ship standing outward. Lat. 13"19 S. Lon. 80"00 West. At night shortened sail. Employed in making rivets, and turning.

Nov. 25th Wednes. Fresh and squally. Veered to the South.

Nov. 26th Thurs. Moderate weather. Turned out the reefs. Lat. 13"19 S. Lon. 79"40 West. Pass'd several ships and brigs all merchant men. See blackfish and lowered no catch them. At night shortened sail; fine weather. A.M. veered to the S.W. Saw one brig.

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Nov. 27th Friday. Lat. 13"33 South Lon. 79"29 West. Saw porpoises. Painted the Larboard boat.

Nov. 28th Sat. Weather moderate. Wet the hold. Mr Jencks, third officer requested to be discharged. This is certainly a curious time and place for discharging people, I do really wish he had made the proposition while in Port.

Nov. 29th Sun. Moderate weather Steering West. At Noon. 12"32 S. 80"10 W. At night shortened sail. Veered to the N. E. A.M. made sail. 11"58 S.

Dec. 1st Tues. Standing to the N. E. at 6 p.m. shortened sail and veered to the S. W. Nothing seen. ~~At~~. Lat. 12"13 S. Lon. 80"40 W.

Dec. 2d Wednes. Standing to the S. W. Repaired the mizzen topsail. At night shortened sail.

Dec. 3d Thurs. Lat. 12"55 S. 81"39 W. Standing to the S. W. at night shortened sail & veered to the N. East. Repaired the foresail. A.M. saw spouts and breaches to windward supposed to be Sperm whales.

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Sead Dec. 1840.

Dec. 4th Friday. 12" 46 S 81 W. At dark spoke the Ship Eagle of New Bedford 24 months 1200. Also in company the Bark Caroline of London, 32 months 1200. The Eagle has taken some oil here within 2 months. He saw, not long since, the Edward Luce, of N.B. 5½ months out bound down the Coast. 12" 53 S. 81" 20 West. P.M. same day astronomical, Standing to the SW. Passed the Bark. At night in topgallant sails up courses &c. for the night.

Dec. 5th Sat. Lat. 13.02 S. 81" 40 W. Standing to the N.E. Passed two vessels supposed to be barks. See black-fish and some dolfins. A.M. passed one ship, hauled up the mainsail, wanted to have a gam, but she would not come down. So much for Sunday whaling. 12" 60 South. 81" 35 W. Standing to the South.

Dec. 6th Sunday Astronomical. Tacked to the N.E. Maintopgls. out. At night shortened sail. Fresh trades some squalls. A.M. saw breaches; run off but saw nothing more. 12" 62 S. 80" 29 W.

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Dec. 7th Mon. 1846. Begins with fresh trades: standing to the N.E. At night reefed and veered to the S.W. Nothing doing of any note.

12"26 S. 80"14 W.

Dec. 8th Tues. Moderate fine weather. Standing to the N.E. under Maintopgallantsail and fly jib. Some birds and dolfin. One man (George Gary) sick off duty for several days past.

Dec. 9th Wednes. Lat. 12"11 S. 79"60 W. Moderate trades and fine weather. A.M. standing to the South. 12.56 S. 81.15 W.

Dec. 10th Thurs. Moderate. See dolphin. Nothing to do but scrim-ishon. poor business, but better than nothing, as employment, of any kind, tends to keep evil thoughts out of the mind. A.M. made sail to the South. Lat. 12"37 S. Lon. no obs.

Dec. 11th Friday. Weather very moderate. Standing to the South.

Dec. 12th Sat. 13"37 S. Lon. 81"45 W. Standing to the N.E. See black-fish and lowered, but caught nothing. Wet the hold washed deck &c. At night shortened sail. A.M. made all sail. Lat. 13.07 S. 80.52 W.

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Dec. 13th Sun. 1846. Standing to the N.E. At night shortened sail. Seen blackfish, going quick to windward. 12.35 S. 79.40 W.

Dec. 14th Mon. Fresh trades & fair. Standing to the N.E. No whales, no whales, no whales, no whales, and that is the sum of it. Nothing can we catch here, not so mutch as a Skipjack. Every thing that we see, that has life enough, is going quick to windward. Even the seabirds scream with astonishment, at our melancholy, chapfallen, poverty stricken, appearance. They hover around, the ship with hiſsing and hooting, like a gang of lawyers, on a ships arrival in port, and seem determined to make something out of us at all events. One might fancy that he heard them say, "carcaſs, carcaſs, where is the carcaſs, give us some bread, some blubber". A.M. Made sail. Lat. 12.13 S. Lon. 78.36 W.

Dec. 15th Tues. Saw a breach two finbacks sunfish &c. also one sail to leeward. A.M. moderate heading in E.N.E. Lat. 12.00 S. 78.00 W.

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Dec. 16th Wednes. 1846. See finbacks. Kept off to the S.W. At night took in some sail. Weather moderate sea smooth. Patter sed popses; blackfish. Lat. 12.04 S. Lon. 78.40 W.

36 mo. out. Dec. 18th Thurs. Standing to the S.W. Shortened sail at night.

Dec. 19th Friday Lat. 12.37 S. 80.01 W. At sail to windward. See blackfish.

Dec. 20th Sat. Lat. 12.45 S. 81.15 W. Moderate fine weather. Steering off to the West. Passed the carcass of whale, that, probably, sometime since, died of a wound or wounds now reduced by decomposition, to a floating mass. Some dolphin came around, and one was caught. When in the grasp of death, a drawing was attempted to be taken. We had some of it cooked for supper, but my poor stomach revolted so at thoughts of the carcass, I came near, as Jack would say, casting up my accounts.

Dec. 21st Sun. Lat. 12.51 S. 82.30 W. Steering to the West. At night hove to with maintopsail aback. A.M. made sail Lat. 12.52 S. 83.30 W.

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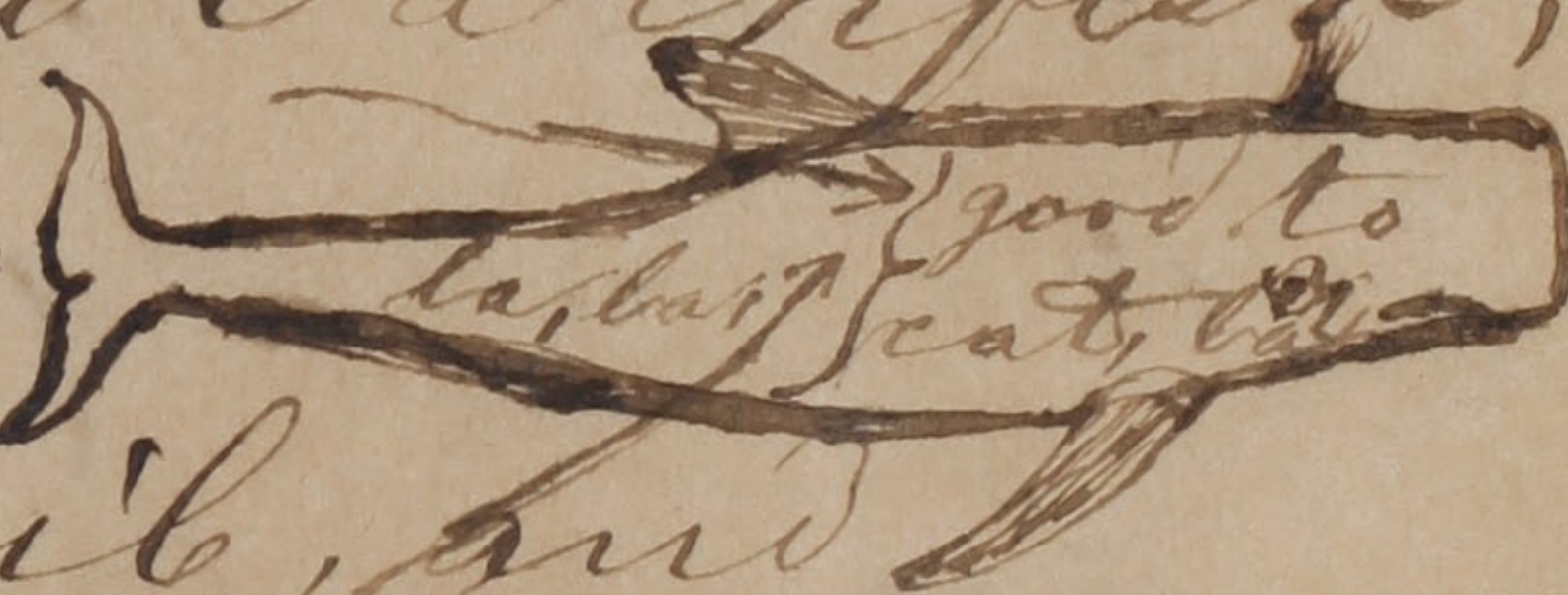
Dec 22nd Monday. 1846. Nothing seen, nothing doing. Steering off to the West. 12.50 S. 84.30 W.

Dec. 23rd Thurs. Still steering off to the West. Seen blackfish. The sick man is better of the fever, but is bad with the inflamatory rheumatism, in his thy ——— A.M. Standing to the N.E. Lat. 12.13 S. 84.50 W.

Dec. 24th Wednes. Fresh trades and fair. Nothing doing, nothing seen. A.M. Steering to the Eastward.

Dec. 25th Thurs. 11.46 S. Lon. 84.10 W. Wind about S.b.E. Weather cloudy and moderate. Lowered for blackfish, and finally caught one = 

His blubber will make oil, and his flesh steak; yes steak; good beef steak. I wish all the poor people in the world were well supplied, with blackfish steak; it is excellent: far better than a great deal of the Peruvian ox beef, and the longer you keep it the better it grows, like some other good things. Yes steak now dont turn up that pretty nose of yours, and pout, and twist the fair proportions of that very useful orifice, in your phiz, your sweet mouth; may be in fancy youre eating steak!

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Dec. 26th Friday. 1846. 11"34 S. 83"50 W. Moderate fine weather. Standing to the Eastward. Lat. 11"10 S. 83"00 W.

Dec. 27th Sat. Standing to the N.E. Wet the hold, washed off &c. 10"29 S. 81"40 W.

Dec. 28th Sun. Moderate and cloudy. At night shortened Sail.

Dec. 29th Mon. Lat. 10"07 S. Fresh trades and light squalls. Standing to the N.E. Lat. 10"08 S. Lon. 80"8 W.

Dec. 30th Tues. Standing to the South. See a sail off the lee beam.

Dec. 31st Wednes. Lat. 11 S. 81 W. Spoke the Ship Golconda, Howland, N.B. 40 month, 1700. At 9 finished the gam. Standing to the South under, short Sale. Lat. 11"40 S. Lon. 82"20 W.

Jan. 1st Thurs. Moderate weather. Spoke the Golconda. Saw a bark to the South. Standing to the South.

Jan. 1st Friday. Standing to the N.E. at night shortened Sail. A. M. made Sail. Lat. 11"41 S. 81"50 West.

Jan. 2d Sat. Moderate weather. Standing to the Eastward. A.M. the same. Lat. 11"41 S. Lon. 80"30 W.

Jan 3rd Sunday 1847. Standing to the S.E. Moderate weather.

Jan 4th Monday. 11"1 S. 79"17 W. Caught two dolphins. There are two signs connected with these fish. They are the sign of good whale-ground and a good supper. the bait is infallable. Equal to a perch from New town pond. See how the poor thing opens its mouth and stretches out its fins: death will soon relieve him of all his troubles; soon will be heard the last flap of his tail. No more will he be seen with his finny comrades sporting in his own native element. Now following almost without effort, the ship, so easy does he glide along. With the rappidity of lightning he passes beneath the keel and the next moment is seen directly ahead as if marking out a track for the ship to pursue. but they are no bigots, for when her course is altered, they make no ado but wind quietly off the same way. Thus we see in the watery world as in some ~~the~~ others, the nimble delicate and beautiful, are often led by the most clumsy, senseless, woodenheaded. .. but I forbair to lug this heavy similitude any farther.

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Jan 5th Tues. 1847. Standing to the S.W. 11 South. 79" 20 W. At night shortened sail and veered to the N. East. 11.7 South. Lon. 79" 40 W.

Jan. 6th Wednes. Standing to the S.W. Seen grampuses, porpoises and sun fish. Caught several small fish.

Jan. 7th Thurs. Lat 11.58 S. 80.50 W. There are two ships in sight.

Jan. 8th Friday. 12.20 S. 81.20 W. In Company with the ships Eagle and Golconda. Seen blackfish.

Jan. 9th Sat. 11.52 S. 82.23 W. Standing to the S.N.E. Wet the hold, started water &c.

Jan. 10th Sun. 11.41 S. 81.10 W.

Jan. 11th Mon. Lat. 12.04 S. 81.10 W. Weather Moderate. Engaged in making spunyarn & ratline stuff.

Jan. 12th Tues. 12.48 S. 81.45 West.

Jan. 13th Wednes. 13.48 S. 82.45 W. Fitting fore lifts (new) and brace blocks the aps. Weather very moderate and fi

Jan. 14th Thurs. 14.32 S. 83.50 West.

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Jan. 15th Friday 1847. 14"23 S. 83"10 W. Concluded to turn over a new leaf." Saw blackfish.

Jan. 16th Sat. No observations. Weather cloudy. This makes two months since we sailed from port, and have not seen the spout of a sperm whale to be entirely sure of it.

Jan. 17th Sun. 13"28 S. 81"13 W. Weather clear wind light from S.S.E.

Jan. 18th Mon. 13"11 S. 79"30 W. At work on the rigging. All this voyage through I have been deprived, in a measure, of my favorite ocupation, viz Study. When we have whales I am of course to busy, and when we have none I am too sick at heart. Lat. 13"02 S. 78"10 W.

Jan. 19th Tues. Nothing in sight. All sail out standing to the Eastward. At night veered to the S.W. Two ships in sight. Lat. 13"36 S. 79"12 W.

Jan. 20th Wednes. Gammed with the ships. Naſsau. Ontario and Bark Ruſsell. 14"01 S. 80"01 W.

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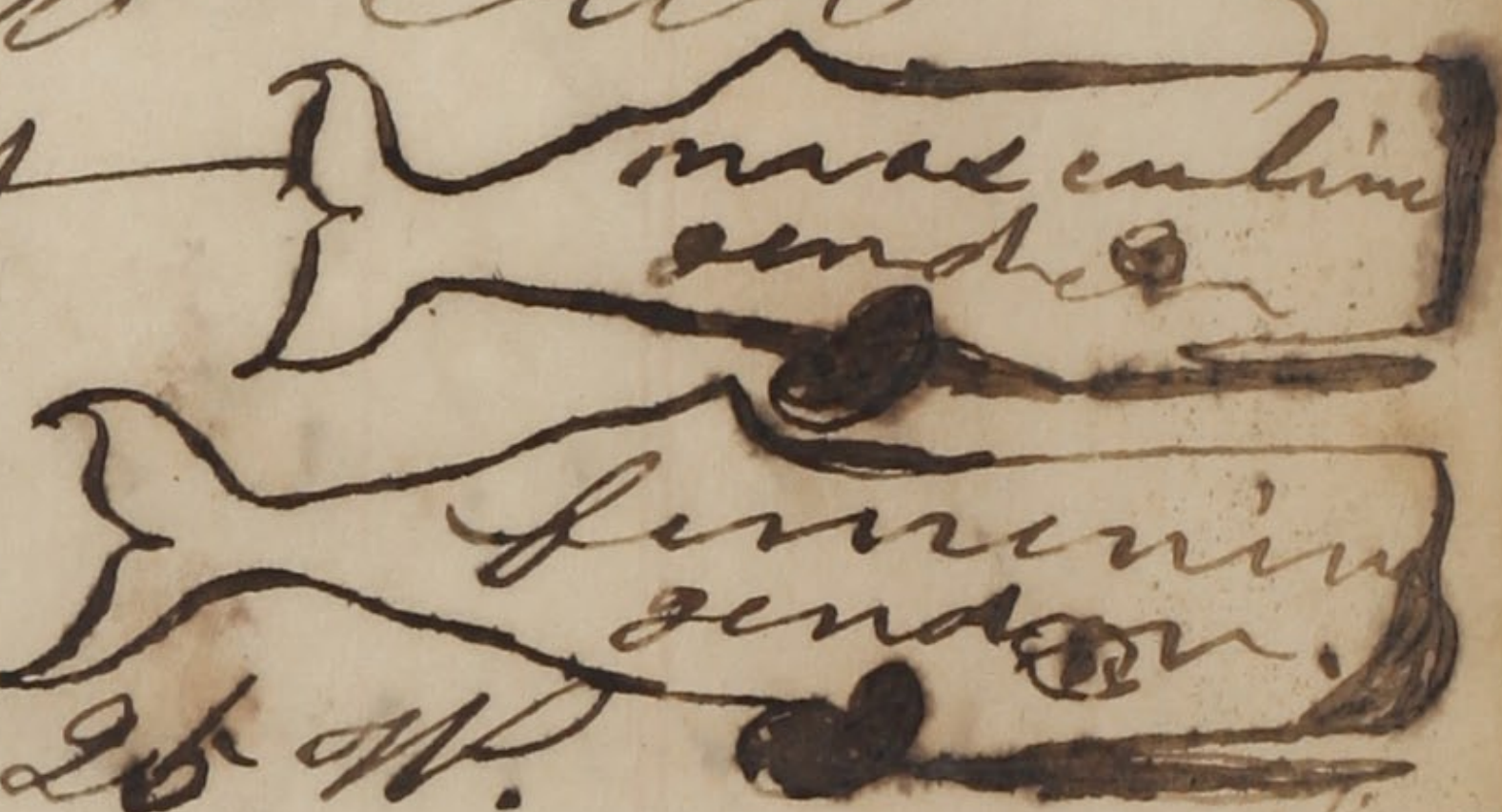
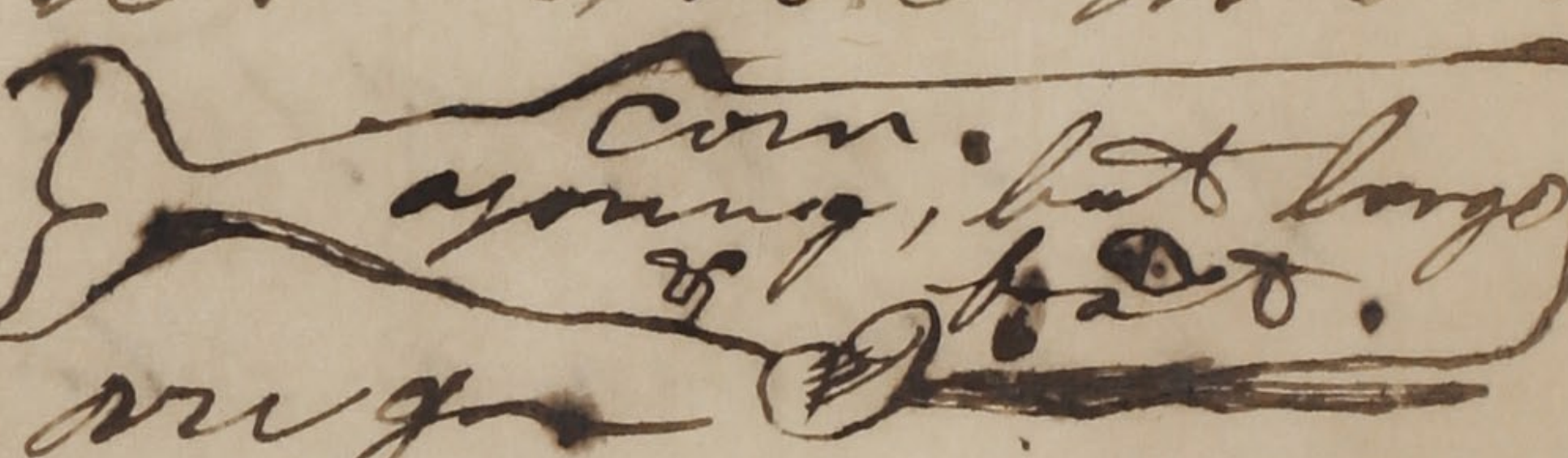
Jan 21st Thurs. 1847. Several ships in sight. Kept off some to get out of the snarl. A.M. Saw a shoal of whales to windward with a ship after them and one to leeward breaching. Kept off raised the whales and lowered. Lat. 15" 17 S. 81" 03 West.

Jan. 22d Friday. Caught two small whales and cut them in before sunset One ship in sight. A.M. Saw whales. 15" 16 S. 81" 26 W.



Jan. 23d Sat. Caught one whale and cut him in. Fresh trades. Sea rugged. Veered to the South under topsails. A Ship to windward steering before the wind.


Cow. young; but large & fat.

Jan. 24th Sun. Employed in boiling. A.M. finished. Lat. 15" 07 S. 81" 00 W.

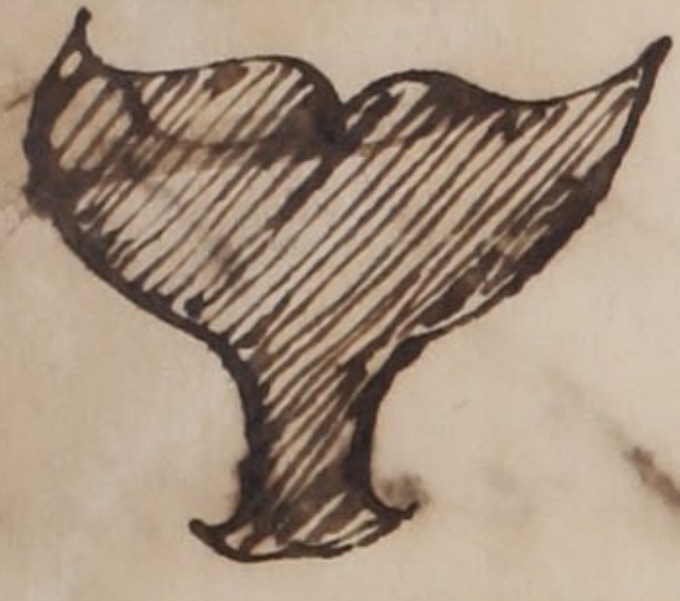
Jan. 25th Mon. Doing nothing

Jan. 26th Tues. Lat 14" 50 S. 80" 18 W.

Jan. 27th Wednes. Stowed down the oil. Spoke the bark Phillip tit. 6 month out bound to the N.W.

Ship Hector Off

Jan 28th Thurs 1847. 15"04 S. 80"31 W. Saw breaches and spouts to leeward probably Sperm whales. Ran off till sunset and then hauled to the South.



A.M. steering off to the W W. Nothing in sight except one ship. 16"39 S. 81"12 W.

Jan. 29th Friday. Standing to the South under taps.

Jan. 30th Sat. Lat. 15"37 S. 81"20 W. Saw a ship to windward. A.M. Wore to the SW. No Observation,

Jan. 31st Sun. Nothing seen Nothing doing. Nearly all sail out. Lat. 14"44 S. Lon. 81"00 W.

Feb. 1st Mon. Standing to the Eastward. There are or was two ships in sight to leeward. Lat. 14.32 S. Lon. 80.20 W.

Feb. 2d Tues. Spoke the Russel

Feb 3d Wednes. All sail to the South.

Feb 4th Thurs. Lat. 13"05 S. 82"32 W Employed in tarring some of the stays. Plenty of fish around the ship albacore & skip jack.

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Feb. 5th Friday 1847. 14"00 S. 83"30 W. Steering to the S.W. At night hauled to the South, being quite discouraged, as to the hope of obtaining more oil in this place. Heavy swell from the S.W. 14"07 S. Lon. 83-56 W.

Feb. 6th Sat. Moderate trades Standing to the South all sail out. Wet the hold and started water as usual. Abundance of small fish around the ship. and that is all there is in sight.

Feb. 7th Sun. Celestially employed; that is, took a lunar.

Feb 8th Mon. Worked it. Lon 86 W. Lat. 15"00 S. Wind light. Employed the Watch on the rigging. Painted the foremast and ~~Mn~~ m. mast Head.

Feb. 9th Tues. Lat 16.24 S. 87"00 Standing to the S.W. wind light.

Feb. 10th Wednes. 17"00 S. 87"03 W.

Feb 11th Thurs. Lat. 17"29 S. 87"21 W.

Feb 12th Friday. 18"05 S. 88"21 W. Wind light and baffling. The watch still on the rigging. Plenty of fish around with one or two bill fish. My slow thing of a watch has stoped.

Ship Hector Moving

Feb. 13th Sat. 1847. 18"29 S. 89 W.

This day turned over a new leaf. Nothing doing worthy of notice but I will mention some things, nevertheless, just for pass-time, In the first place, the hold was wet fore and aft. After that the water butt was filled. Got out some coffe and oil for the Steward. Turning lathe going, of course. The cook has been busy all day, cooking three meals, which is undoubtedly wrong, as two meals in twenty four hours is quite sufficient, and I think one, if people were used to it, would be still more conducive to health. The wandering Arabs live so and enjoy good health. True, they are not over burdened with flesh, but their freedom from toothache, head-ache, gout, dyspepsie, dysentary &c. &c. is much more comfortable than big bellies and fat cheeks. Suppose a man eats half as much, he may live with half the labour: consequently two can live, and enjoy life where one now stays through a period of pain and toil. Perfected the half-hour glass in running and made a rattle, such a one, as the younger Comstock (Ship Globe) was about to use, when his unnatural

Moderately up the Coast. brother told him, "if he made the boat darn bit, (this is pure whalemans English) of noise he would send him to hell". I hope this one will never be the means of provoking such language.

Feb. 14th Sun. Lat. 19"57 S. Lon. 90"14 W. This day fresh trades and fair.

Feb. 15th Mon. Lat. 21"40 S. 91"30 W. Moderate fine weather. Wind out about East, hauling to the South.

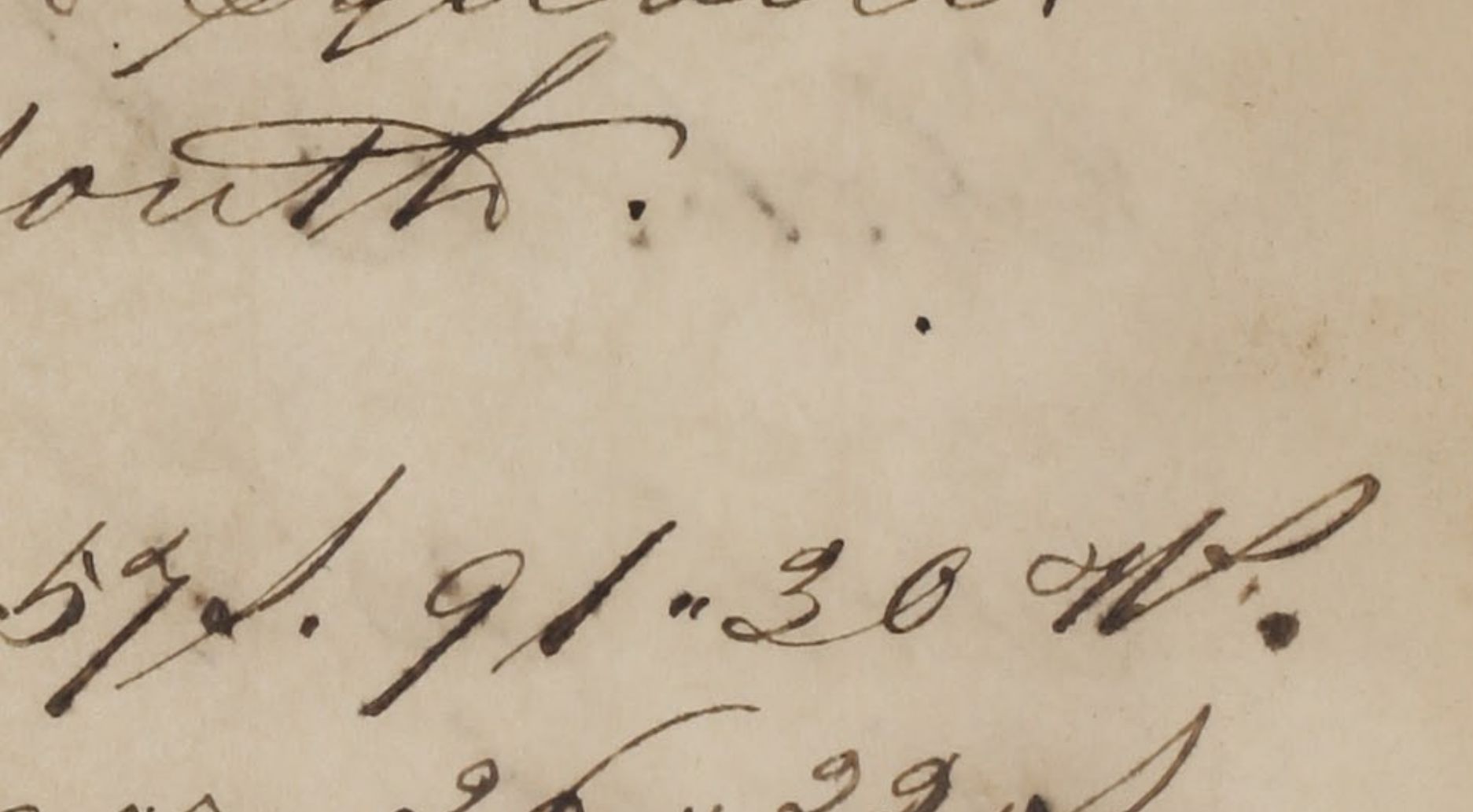
Feb. 16th Tues. Lat. 23"23 S. 90"37 W. Wind light and baffling: trades nearly done. that is we are nearly out of them. Some light squalls. Heavy swell from the south.

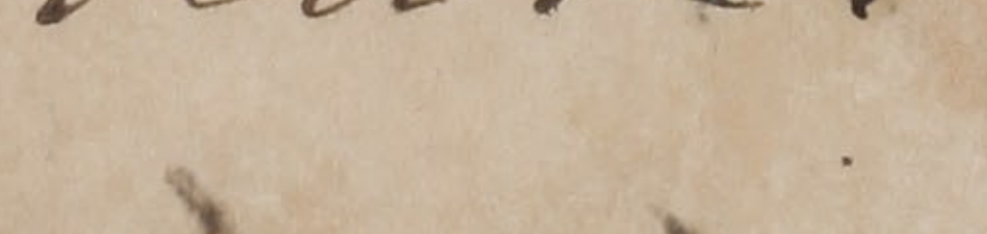
Feb. 17th Wed. Lat. 24"57 S. 91"30 W. Wind S.E. b E Weather clear. 26"22 S.

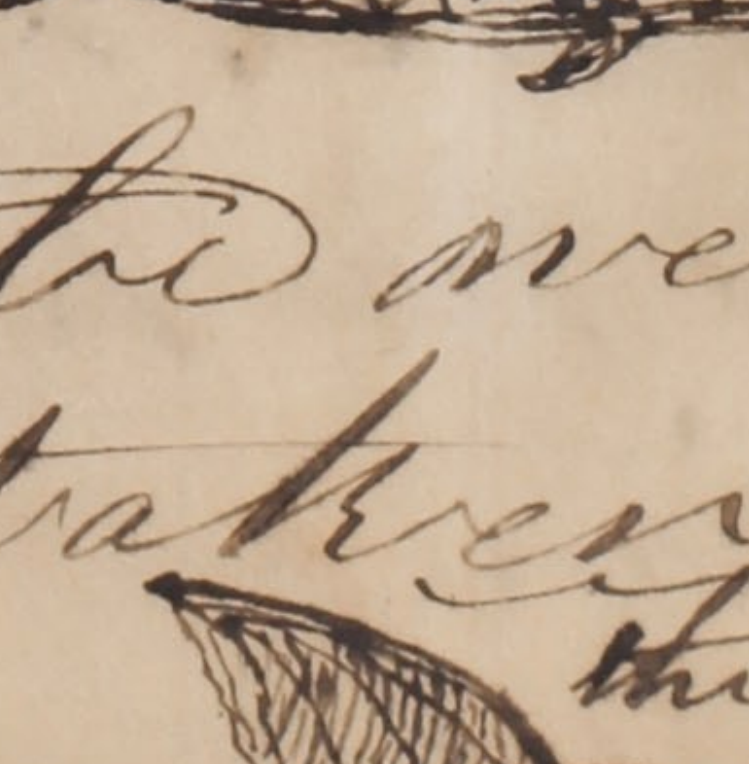
Feb. 18th Thurs. 92"00 W. Some birds.

Feb 19th Friday No Observation. Calms and squalls. Birds only.

Feb 20th Sat. 20th Lat. 29"05 S. 92"30 W. Some squalls. Standing South. Caught an Albacore



just after he had swallowed this  poor little needle fish, which was actually taken out of his maw while alive.



this is the fish that flew.

Ship Hector Off

Feb. 21st Sund. 1847. 30.18 S. 92.36 W. Moderate breeze from the Eastward and moderate weather and a tame life: if you dont believe just try it. All sail out. At night took in the fore-top-gallant-sail. 31.27 S. 92.29 W.

Feb. 22d Mond. Put on new mizzen-top-gallant-back-stays. A brig in sight all day. Seen porpoises and killers. Lat. 32.18 S. 93.50 W.

Feb. 23d Tues. Moderate breeze from Eastward and fine weather.

Feb. 24th Wednes. Lat. 32.51 S. 92 W.

Feb. 25th Thurs. Lat. 33.27 S. 90.40 W.

Feb. 26th Friday. Lat. 34.09 S. 87.30 W. Fresh gale from the N.W. With a double and twisted sea from the S.W. that somewhat disturbs the old bodys. equilibrium.

Feb. 27th Sat. Lat. 34.14 S. 85.55 W. Nearly calm. Light from the N.E.

Feb. 28th Sun. Lat. 34.20 S. 85.30 W.

Feb. 29th Mon. Lat. 34.17 S. 83.14 W. Fresh breeze from the N.W. Steering E.N.E. In top gallant sails. Weather clear. Sea smooth.

Coast of Chili S.A.

Tues 2d March 1847. 33.56 S. 80.57 W. Massafuero, distant 25 miles by Chron: in sight of course. Passed five ships, and a small shoal of blackfish. At noon Massafuero bore E b S. dist. 20 miles.

March 3d Wednes. Wind about South. Standing to the West. There are two ships in sight. Weather fair. Some porpoises. Heavy swell from the South. Made some fish lines. A circumstance of some interest has this day transpired onboard. A young female of the genus, Sus, after a tedious, painful labour, of 18 hours or more, during which which time, she did travail "and mistake" fore and aft the deck, some thousand times or so, farrowed safely, without any assistance from the obstetric art, to the great comfort of herself, and joy of all who have sufficient refinement of taste to appreciate the merit of such delicate operations.

March 4th Thurs. Off the Island Massafuero. Went in with a boat for fish caught a few. Boarded the Geo. Washington of Wareham, 30 ms. 2000. 50 sp. Saw a boat from the Henry of Sag harbour, 6 ms. 600, 80 sp. Double reeffd.

Ship Hector Off Coast

Fryday March 5th 1847. Lon. 79"44 W. Lat. 33"21 S. Blowing strong from the South. Standing to the East with two reefs. jib & Spanker in A.M. moderated. Lat. at noon. 33"14 South. Juan Fernandez bears South by W. distant 30 miles. Turned out the reefs, set the mainsail.

Sat. March 6th 1847. Standing to the East. Wind light from the South. Wet the hold &c. Latter part wind from West & baffling.

March 7th Sund. Lat. 33"43 S. 77"00 W. Moderate from the West with light rain.

March 8th Mon. Lat. 33"48 S. 75"26 W. Light breeze from the S.W. Steering E.N.E. Middle and latter part fresh gale from the South. Lat. 33"23 S. Lon. 72"50 W.

March 9th Tues. Steering E.N.E. Gale some abated, sea smooth birds & other indications of land. A.M. See land. Weather thick. Wind North.

March 10th Wednes. Lat. 33"16. 72"00 W. Several brigs in sight. Weather moderate. Valparaiso head in sight distant about 10 miles.

Of Chili S. A. Valparaiso.
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March 11th Thurs. Lying off and on at Valparaiso. Took onboard some beeff, beans &c. Henry Jackson & Fred North Ran away. At sunset left the pier, returned onboard, & made sail to the North West.

March 12th Friday. Lat. 31..59 S. Steering N. W. Weather moderate and thick. All sail out.

March 13th Sat. Lat. 30..29 S. Steering North. Light wind and heavy sea. Wet the hold &c.

March 14th Sun. Lat. No Obs. Weather thick. Steering North.

March. Mon 16th Tues 1847 Lat. 27..00 S. Lon. 71..49 West. Steering North. Weather moderate. Repaired the fore & maintopsails. Lat. 26 S. Lon. 72 W.

March 17th Wednes. Land in sight. Weather moderate wind light from the south. Sea smooth. Lat. 25..07 S.

March 18th Thurs. Steering North Land distant about 20 miles. Lat. 24..11 South. Lon. 71..11 W.

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March 19th Sat. Steering North Fresh breeze from the South. A. M. saw a ship in shore running down the coast. At noon Land distant about. 17 miles

March 20th Sat. Lat. 23.19 S. 70.54 W. Steering W. b. N. See blackfish.

March 21st Sun. Lat. 22.11 S. 71 W. saw a vessel standing off from the shore most likely a merchantman.

March 21st Mon. Lat. 21.29 S. 70.45 W.

March 22d Tues. Lat. 20.23 S. 70.58 W. Employed in fitting the jib guys &c.

March 23d Wednes. Lat. 19.16. 71 W. Moderate trades and clear weather. See finbacks grampuses & porpoises. Land distant about 20 miles. See the mountains back a distance of 80 miles covered with snow.

March 24th Thurs. Lat. 18.31 S. 71.29 W. A Ship off the lee beam. Calm nearly.

March 26th Friday. Lat. 18.23 S. 72.15 W. Received a boat from the ship Herald of N. B. Capt. Stewart. Reports nothing of any note. Lat. 18.23 Lon. 72.28 W.

the desert of Atacama.

March 27th Sat. 1847. Light airs. Gamed with the Ship Herald of N.B.

March 28th Sun. Lat. 18.04 S. Lat. 73.51 W.

March 29th Mon. 17.20 S. 74.00 West. Spoke the Ship Herald, Stuart of N.B. Layed aback through the night. Saw breaches at day light but nothing more. Lat. 17.07 S. Lon. 74.29 W.

March 30th Tues. Fresh trades and fair. Steering to the N.W. See great numbers of dolphins.

March 31st Wednes. 15.59 S. 75.15 W. See a sail astern. Some blackfish.

March 32d Thurs. Lat. 15.20 S. 76.15 W. Light trades. Nothing seen.

April 2d Friday. Lat. 14.55 South. Land distant about 20 miles. Lowered for swordfish struck one and sunk him. See more. Wind light.

April 3d Sat. Lat. 14.43 S. Lon. 77.02 W. Fresh trades. Caught two blackfish.

April 4th Sun. Lat. 14.40 S. Lon. 78.12 W. Steering West. See nothing but birds. Trades fresh. Under topsails.

Ship Hector Off Co—

April 5th Mond. 1847. Lat. 14..08 S. Lon. 78..10 W.
Light trades. Saw blackfish & porpoises.

April 6th Tues. 13..40 S. 78..06 West.
Lowered four boats & caught one black-fish struck one swordfish and just as he died the iron came out and down he went: hard luck. The sharks will have a good supper and that is some comfort.

April 7th Wednes 1847. 12..12 S. 78..40 W.
Passed a whaleship with main tack down like ourselves, poor and hungry.

April 8th Thurs. 12..20 S. 79..30 W.
Steering off to the west. Making some spunyarn. Boiled out the blackfish; made one barrel. largest fare of oil that has been on deck (with one exception) for more than two months 11..49 S. 79..30 W.

April 9th Friday. Steering to the North West. Nothing seen, 11..32 S. 81..14 W.

April 10th Sat. Wet the hold. Steering North. 4 P.M. washed off deck.

April 11th Sund. 10..33 S. 81..20 West.
Steering to the North. Nothing seen.

ast Off Peru.

April 12th Mon 1847. 08"52 S. 81"40 W. Steering to the North. Weather moderate; wind light from S. East of course. Making Spunyarn.

April 15th Tues. 7"21 S. 81"36 W. Saw a ship to windward. Lowered for blackfish, caught nothing. A.M. seed the land. Lat. 6"29 S. 81"30 W.

April 16th Wednes. Moderate from the South. Steering to the North. Seed two small craft in shore.

April 15th Thurs. 6"29 S. 82"10 West. Steering off to the West. Blackfish. Weather moderate trades light. ESE.

April 16th Friday. 7"06 S. 83"10 W. Moderate fine weather. Light trades.

April 17th Sat. 8"06 S. 83"17 West.

April 18th Sun. 9"15 S. 85"07 West. Fresh trades A sail off to leeward, probably Merchant.

April 19th Mon. 10"17 S. 85"50 West. doing nothing and none to help us. Fine weather and plenty of it. Saw a finback breach out of the water which proves he was alive. We have a lady-dog onboard that runs and trots on 4 legs which proves her to be a quadrupid. Tied up a pig, that expressed his disaprobation by squealing & grunting.

Ship Hector Cruising on
1847.

April 20th Tues. Astronomical computation of time. 11"06 S. 86"50 W. Mod. with trades and fine weather.

April 21st Wednes. 10"19 S. 86 W. Fresh trades, standing to the N.E.

April 22d Thurs. 9"22 S. 85"00 W.

April 23d Friday. 8"11 S. 84"12 W.

April 24th Sat. 6"02 S. 84"20 W.

Apr. 25th Sun. 4"52 S. 84"06 West long.

Apr. 26th Mon. 4"09 S. 82"20 W. Fresh trades. Standing to the East. Lowered several times for blackfish but could not catch them. Struck one and drawed the iron. 1 Swordfish seen. hard luck.

April. 27th Tues. 4"07 S. 82"30 West. See blackfish. Spoke the Zenas Coffin. Ramsdel of Nant. 4½ months. 1200 sp. 200 wh. 4"20 S. 88 West. Ship to leeward.

April. 28th Wednes. Nothing seen.

April 29th Thurs. Lat. 5"06 S. 84"10 W.

Apr 30th Friday. Lat. 4"40 S. 84"00 W. Standing to the East. Fresh trades. See blackfish & porpoises.

the Coast of Peru. S.A.

May 1st Sat. 1847. 4"06 S. 82"00 W. Trades moderate. Steering in to the Eastward. Water green and nothing seen. A.M. Cape Blanco in sight. Lat. 4"07 S. Lon. 81.12 W.

May 2d Sun. Moderate trades. Steering down the coast, towards Tumbez. At night hove to with the maintopsail to the mast.

May 3d Mon. Off Cape blanco. Strong tide setting to windward. Steering N.E. b N. all sail out.

May 4th Tues. Lat. 3"32 S. Lon. 80"15 W. Steering down the coast. At 6 p.m. came to anchor in Tumbez road, 5 fathoms muddy bottom, point of woods bearing S.W. distant 1 mile.

May 6th. Thursday. Got under way with the Ship Enterprise of Nant. and droped down together river, which is far preferable for water and wood. Weather moderate. Anchored in 4½ fathoms muddy bottom. Took onboard a good supply of Water Wood, potatoes, plantains, bannas, coconuts &c. Gave liberty to the crew which the seemed to enjoy well and so they might, for Tumbez village is a pleasant place, situated about 6 miles inland.

Ship Hector and the

It is built on several small hills and contains about 2000 people, with complexions varied through every degree, between white and black. In their manners they are agreeable because simple. In circumstances poor but not distressed. In character honest, and social, lazy but not idle: their wants are few and seldom supplied, expectations seldom realised; hence their minds have grown without expansion, have gained knowledge without wisdom. How naturally we fly from one to another extreme. These people having learned from their Mother country, Spain, the evils of too much care for the future, do not bestow a thought upon it, but seem wholly engrossed with the present. The business and wants of to day they see, but tomorrow is out of sight and mind. 'Tis enough for them to live and enjoy. That spirit of virtuous patriotism which leads to present self deny~~al for the~~ing, toil and care for the good of "generations yet unborn," is not known here. That the condition of mankind may be improved by wise courses of conduct, is a truth not yet made known. They have no idea that effects are always produced by causes.

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They are perfectly free from isms, and sectarian manners of every sort, but human passion is the same all over the world. We visited the church at the hour of morning services; there was twelve prest including the priest. Only a dozen out of two thousand people in the only church in the place. Why so few? because it is an old dilapidated church, the priest is an old man, the religion is an old wornout formal, and (what is worse than all) unfassionable religion and dont pay. Only set up a new house, young priest, and fassionable religion and the people here would flock in by hundreds. Wherever the Spanish blood runs, there is chivalry, romantic melancholy, every material for building used by mahommet joe Smith & co. There was two lovely beings came in, how devoutly they kneeld, and turned their mild liquid eyes upward, and breathed a low murmuring prayer. How patiently they hung their heads and waited for the unmeaning ceremony to be performed. The service ended I saw them meet at the door, I saw them clasp each the others hand, I saw the angellic smile of innocent girlish friendship, I heard the earnest Spanish salutation common and fave-

Ship Hector and the usual adios, in a moment they were gone. May the God to whom they pray'd guard them from lifes ills and evils and bless them with health and happiness in their native and and delightful clime. The others soon after left and the door was closed.

41 months out) May 18th Tues. Got under way at 6 A.M. the tide being slack, sea full, wind from the N.W. light, and stood out from shore till it sunk below the horizon. At noon St. Clara Island bore N.E. distant about 10 miles: trades begin to strike down from the South. Left at anchor off Tumbes river, the ship Corab of W. B. Seabury & Co. 200. 6 p.m. Puna Island in sight. Still standing out to westward. May God grant that we meet with good success and arrive safely home at the end of this cruise, and may we be prepared for every event in life, and yield with child-like submission, at all times to the decrees of his providence. First A.M. Strong trades. Lat. 3.19 S. 81"25 W.

May 19th Wednes. Weather fair trades fresh. Painted the boats. In Tumbes the spars and masts were painted & the ship outside. We have on board a bullock taken from there, which must be killed soon; also three hogs.

Coast of Peru S. A.

May 20th Thurs. Lat. 1"41 West. 1847
Weather moderate. Standing to the West.
Painted the waist boat. In Tumbes,
Peter Parker cook. Johny Manie seaman
Miguel Baquedo seaman. & Phillip Dodge
boatsteerer, were discharged. We have
now but 24 all told onboard. our monthe.

May 21st Friday. Moderate weather
repaired and painted the bow boat: killed
the bullock. Saw a ship off to leeward
without a foretopgallantsail, probably
a whaler. Standing to the Westward:
made some preparation for painting.
A.M. Saw a sail off the lee quarter
Stand to the Eastward. 1"59 S. 86"30 W.

May 22d Sat. Light weather. Stand
ing to the N.E. Clearing ship. Washed
af out the hold &c. Up courses.

May 23d Sun. Lat. 2"28 S. Lon. 87"15 W.
Moderate weather. Steering to the west.
At night veered to the Eastwar' shorted sail.
A.M. Shortened sail and commenced paint-
ing ship in side. Lat. 2"46 S. 87"30 W.

May 24th Mon. Painting ship inside.
Some light squalls of rain. Finished
painting before 3 p.m. Standing to West.
A.M. varnished the davits, boat deck,
gally spare spars &c. 2"31 S. 88"30 W.

Ship Hector towards the

1847

May 25th Tues. Weather moderate. Steering to the N.W. all sail out. W. Peaks below, foot cut with an axe: did it himself of course. See porpoises. A land bird, came onboard, pass'd the ship several times, but did not light for any length of time. A.M. raised the land, Hoods Isl. bearing West distant 30 miles. Var. 2/4 E.

May 26th Wednes. Lat. 1"35 S. 89"19 W. At night off Hoods Isl. Charles & Chatham Islands in sight. Moderate trades and fair. Steering to the S.W. Hauled to for the night. Lat. 1"20 S.

May 27th Thurs. Off Charles Island. Went in with a boat just night for fish: jigged caught nothing. Came onboard at dark. Heading off with head yards to the mast. A.M. saw a Ship at anchor in Post office bay. Squared away for South Head.

May 28th Friday. Off S. Head. Boat along side from the Coral, reports Capt. onshore with 20 men, for terrapin. Supplied him with 4 men and one officer (Mr Jenks) who returned on the following mondy.

Gallapspagos Islands.

May 29th Sat. Off S. Head. 1847 Spoke the ship Corab of N. B. ~~[illegible]~~ Humphrey W. Seabury.

May 30th Sun. Lat. 1.16 S. Lon. 93 W~~est~~. Standing by the wind to the S.W. Weather fine. All sail out. Doing some small jobs about the rigging.

May 31st Mon. Lat. 2.45 S. Lon. 93.40 W. Steering by the wind to the S.W. Took in the foretop gallant sail, Wind fresh, weather fine. Saw grampuses.

June 1st Tues. Lat. 4.32 S. Lon. 95 W. Moderate but some squally. Took in the mizzen top gallant sail. (long name for a little bunch of canvass and rope)

June 2d Wednes. Lat. 5.32 S. 95 W. Saw white water seval times; ran for see nothing more. Shortened sail.

June 3d Thurs. 6.46 S. 97.16 W. Fresh trades and fair. ~~At~~ night Shortened sail & hauled to the south.

June 4th Friday. Lat 7.20 S. 98.40 W.

June 5th Sat. Latitude. 6.29 S. 99.12 W. This day ended like a great many others.

June 6th Sun. 6.06 S. 100.16 W. This day passed away like the rest. only we had a bad spell of tooth ache.

Ship Hector Off

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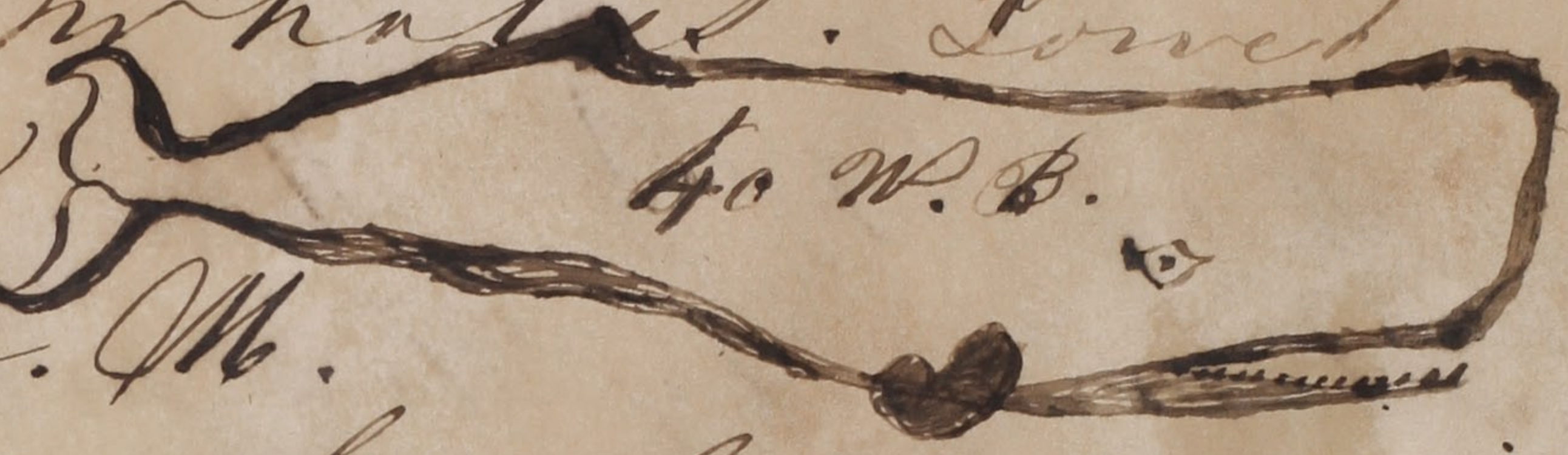
June 7th Mon. Lat. 6.06 S 101. W. Fresh trades. Saw white water, twice probably whales, away to windward. Lat 6.06 S. Lon. 102.06 W.

June 8th Tues. Standing to the N.E. under single reefs. At 2 P.M. saw whales. Lowed and caught one by good fortune. A.M. cut him in weather fine.



June 9th Wednes. Some light squalls. Standing to the South. Boiling case &c. Killed a rat, probably the last one in the ship: he quartered in the pots.

June 10th Lat. 5.58 S. 102.06 W. Saw a ship off the weather beam. Finished boiling: proved scant fifty.

June 11th Friday. Lat. 6.20 S. 102.16 W. Standing to the N.E. A.M. wet hold started water &c. Lat. 6.05 S. 101.50 W.

June 12th Sat. Weather squally. At night took in sail: heading N.E.

June. 13th Sun. Weather rugged. Spoke the Robert Edwards. Capt. Burgess 21 mo. 1600. Mrs. Burgess and the little one all well.

Shore once more.

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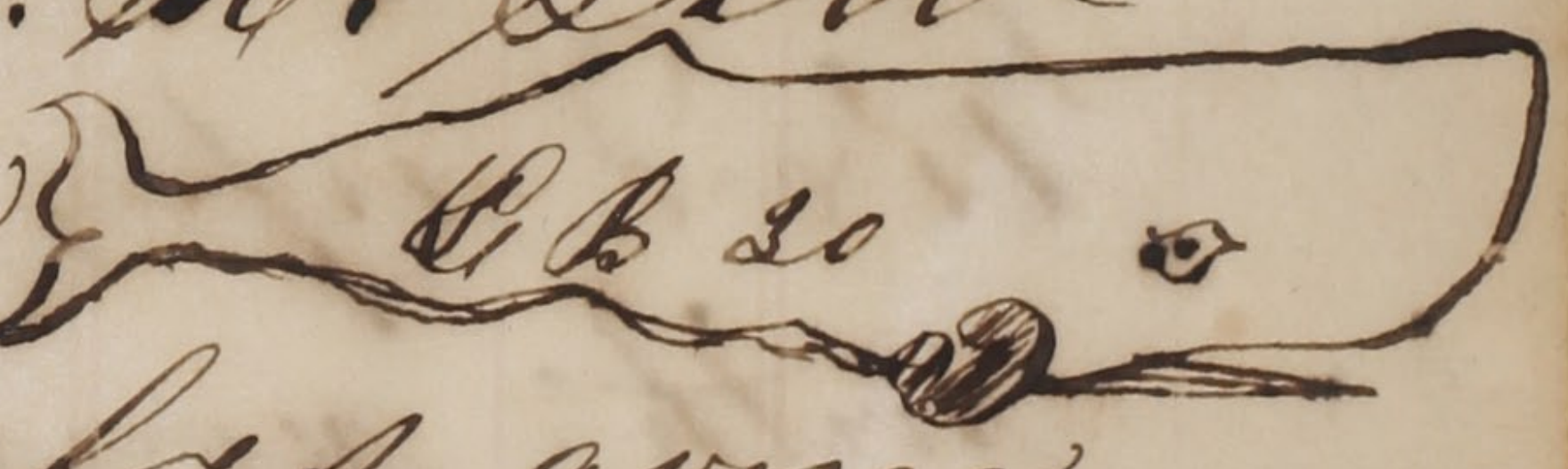
June 14th Mon. Stowed down the oil. Weather very rugged. Standing to the South. The above ship in sight; ran down within a short distance to windward then hauled to probably considered it to rugged to lower. Under double reefs jib and mainsail in, foresail up. Closed the dead lights, first time, for many months. A.M. was boarded by a boat from the ship Robert Edwards, which brought letters and some tobacco to administer to our necessity. 6.28 S.

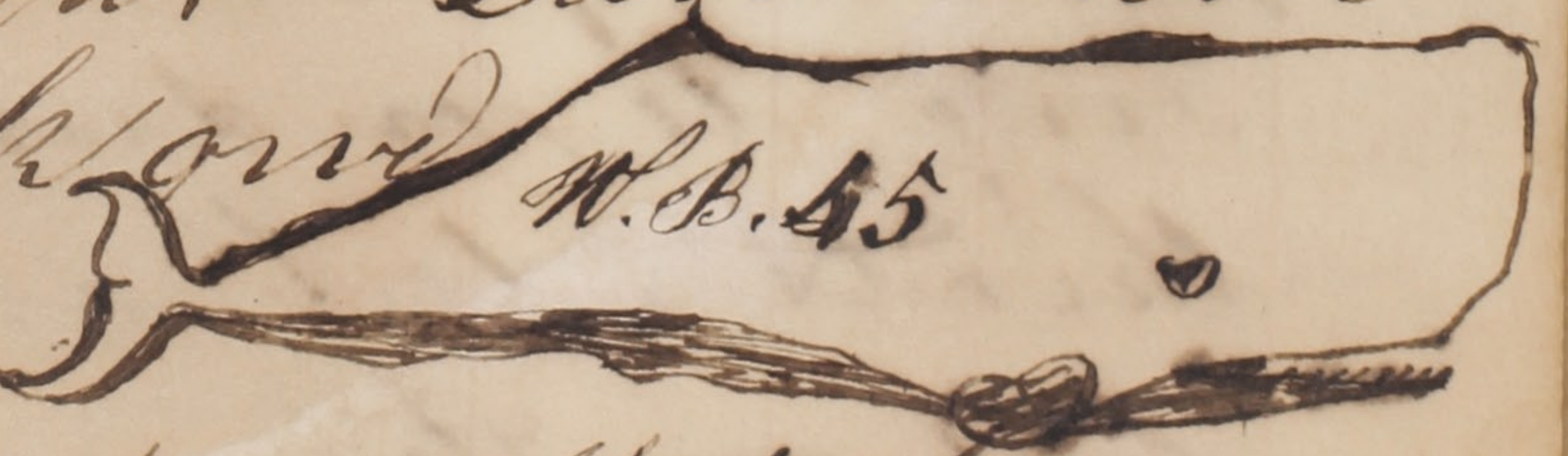
June 15th Tues. 102.55 W. Strong trades. Standing to the N.E. under double reefs. Nothing seen.

June 16th Wednes. Lat. 6.50 S. 102.30 W. Strong trades. Standing to the South Saw a ship off the lee bow. Veered to the N.E. Very rugged. A.M. Saw whales; lowered, caught one



the other ship pass'd. Whales gone off to N.E. Lat. 6.34 S. Lon. 102.50 W.

June 17th Thurs. Fresh breeze.
42 Cut in the whale & veered to the
mo South. At Sunset saw another body
out of whales. At daylight saw them again lowered struck one



that ran very bad. with rough Sea. Chance for success dubious.

Ship Hector Off Shore

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June 18th Friday. Lat. 6..49 S. 102.40 W. Fresh trades. Killed the whale, after many hours of severe toil, and took him along side. Spoke the Ship. Robert Edwards. Burgess; saw Mrs. B. peeping over the rail with a child in her arms; what do you think of that, ye mincing little lumps of delicacy, that dread alike the sun and wind, who cannot wet one of your pretty feet without O dear Doctor, nor put on a clean chemise without, (O abominable) first warming it by a fire. Look at Mrs. Burgess, standing on the open deck, Ship under single reefs, and tumbling about like coming off Gay Head, with a load of hay, away out here, in this rough, miss-named Pacific. look on *her* I say and hide your sickly faces for shame. No wonder you are sick: cooped up wrapped up tied up, and then physiced down. with your stomachs for pill-boxes. — Now health, good and ill, is either handed hereditary, or brought about by education. By education I mean the whole course of training physical, moral and intellectual, from earlyest infancy. The power of *habit*, alone will enable one to endure, heat, cold, hunger, thirst, toil and hardship, which would kill another, born with equally as good constitution, but used to habits of ease.

doing up her last chore.

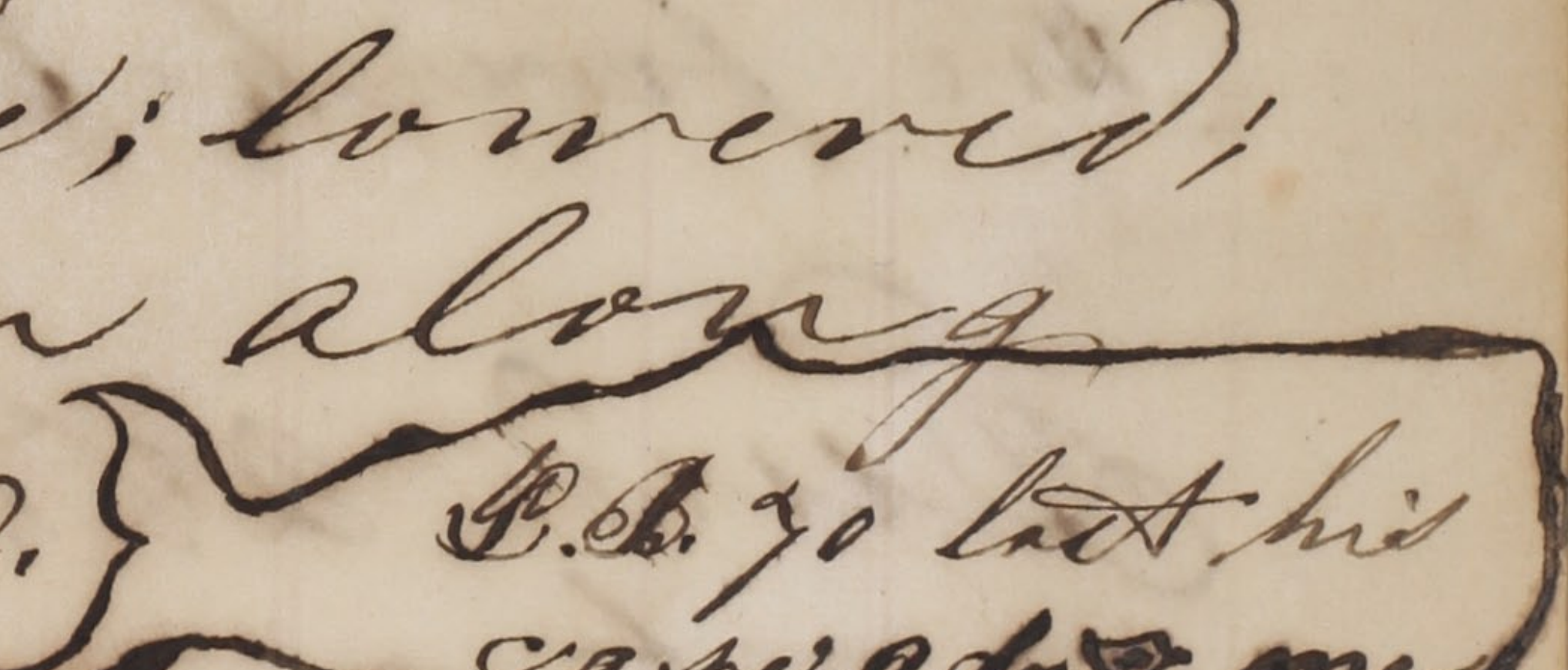
June 19th Sat. 1867. 6"27 S. 103"40 W. Cut in the whale in double quick time and veered to the south. Weather moderate and fine. Boiling blubber & duff. A.M. Standing to the N.E. 6"27 S. 103 W.

June 20th Sun. Saw the Ship R. Edwards haul aback to windward, probably took a whale along side. Weather fine. Finished boiling. A.M. veered to the South. Lat. 6"25 South.

June 21st Mon. Weather moderate. Pass'd the above ship cutting. At night veered to the south. In topsails.

June 22d Tues. Lat. 7"23 S. 103"23 W. Finished stowing down. Weather fair wind fresh. Veered to the south and at 1 A.M. to the N.E. Lat. 7"06 S. 103"20 W.

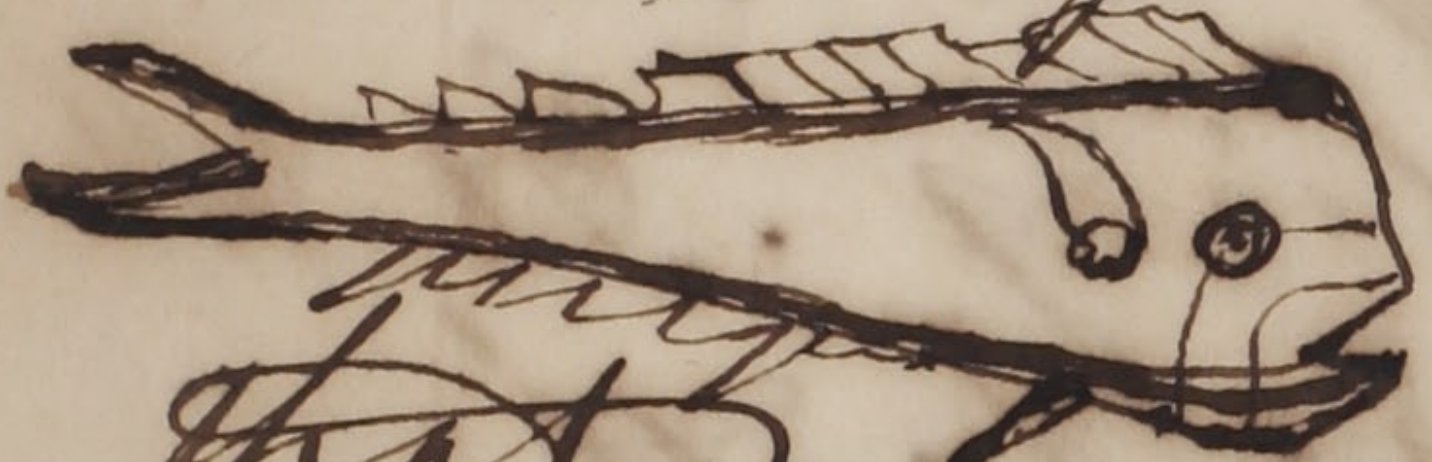
June 23d Wednes. Standing to the N.E. Fresh trades: weather fine. At 9 A.M. Saw a whale; lowered; Struck and took him along side. Lat. 6"30 S. Lon.


S.B. 70 lost his case, a dry one

June 24th Thurs. Commenced cutting. Rugged. At night head not off. Knocked off made all snug for the night. A.M. finished cutting but lost the case (about 10 bbls) by the arse parting. Lat. 6"11 S. 103"14 W.

Ship Hector Off Shore, trying

June 25th Friday. 1847. Standing to the South: boiling. Weather fine. A.M. veered to the N.E. Set Mtg. & fly-jib. Lat. 6"51 S. 103"40 W.

June 26th Sat. Weather fair. Continue boiling. Standing to the N.E. Nothing seen. At night in Mtgs. & flg. Caught one dolphin.

and eat him for supper. that is tea. supper we have none; cant afford it. Set up some shooks started some flower and bread &c. A.M. veered to the South

June. 26th Sun. Lat. 6"28 S. 103"12 W. Weather fair: heavy swell from the S.W. At night veered to the N.E. Finished boiling & washed off.

June 27th Mon. 6"36 S. 103"18 W. Seen finbacks & porpoises. A.M. commenced stowing down in the fore hold. Lat. 6"50 S. 103"15 West.

June. 28th. Tues. Commenced with moderate weather but rugged. Finished stowing down. In the night strong breezes: double reef'd the topsails: plenty of dolphin around the ship. See finbacks. A.M. stowed 11 bbls in the run. Standing N.E. 6"45 S. 103"40 W.

to get a little more.

June 30th Wednes. 1847. Moderate trades and fine weather. Standing to the N.E. Under single reefs.

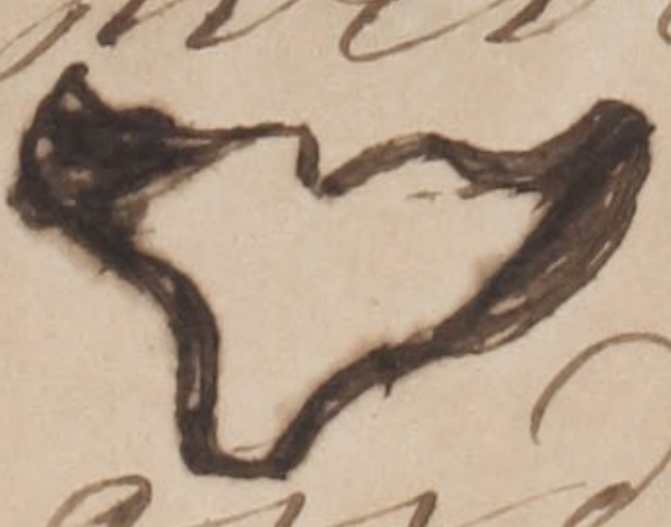
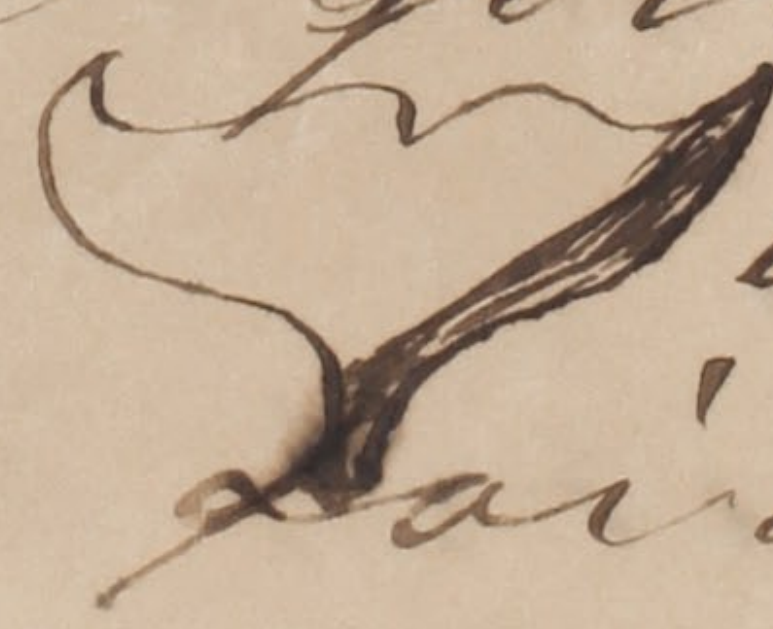
July 1st Thurs. 5"55 S. 102"50 W. See breaches to windward.

July 2d Friday. 6"19 S. 102"40 W. Standing to the South under double reefs. See finbacks. Lat. 6"13 S. 102.40 W.

July 3d Sat. fresh trades. Spoke the Ship Enterprise of Nant. Wyer 19 mo 1000. 2 A.M. wered to the South. Lat. 6"19. 102"30 W.

July 4th Sund. Standing to the South under double reefs. Fresh trades and fair. Lat. 6"44 S. Lon.

July 5th Mon. Made some line for seizings &c. Caught some fish.

July 6th Tues. Lat 6"24 S. repairing the mainsail. Saw whales and lowered without success, for the first time since leaving port. the whales were going quick to windward.   they shook their tails at us and said. "that's all for you".

July 7th Wednes. 6"36 S. 103 West. Spoke the Enterprise of Nant. Employed in watting fore & aft.

Ship Hector Off Shore

July 8th Thurs. 6"56 S. 103"30 W. Employed in ratling, staving &c. Weather moderate. Saw a ship to the N.E. 6"40 S. 103"50 W.

July 9th Friday. Nothing seen. Employed all hands on rigging.

July 11th Sat. Lat. 6"17 S. 10[illegible]40. Started water bread &c. See one grampus. Wet the hold. Repaired the pump spears. 5"24 S. 103"16 W.

July 11th Sun. Weather fair. Muster single reefs. Wered the south.

July 12th Mon. 6"14 S. 103"15 West. Middle stitching the new sails preparatory to bending them. Put on a new jib stay. Double reef'd the topsails and veered to the N.E. A.M. to the South. Lat. 6"44 S. 104 West.

July 13th Tues. Weather rugged. Strong trades. Rove some new rigging. 7"14 S.

July 14 Wednes. 104"31 W. Strong trades. Standing to the South. 8"27 S. 105"29 W.

1 July 15 Thurs. Repairing the Main Spencer. Bent a new jib. A.M. repairing the main spencer. turned out one reef. 10"25 S. 106"14 W.

as in 'days of yore'.

2 July 16th Sat. Astronomical 1847. Weather more fine. Bent the last maintopsail; also spencer. We are now fairly started for home, Our hopes rest, with that Almighty Being, who has always held and still holds the destiny of all mankind. He alone can see the end from the begining. Tis Him who framed the laws of nature which continues the planets in their course, the Sun the moon the stars, and binds the tornadoes resistless fury. A.M. wet the hold. 12.09 S. 106.50 West.

43 July 18th Sunday sea &c &c.
one Fresh trades. Standing to the south.
out double reefed. Lat. 13.53 S. 107.20 W.

July 19th Mon. Fresh gale. In jib m. sail
4 and fore topsail. Heavy sea. 15.06 S. 108 W.

July 20th Tues. Gale some abated. Set jib, reefed mainsail and fore topsail. Repairing the old maintopsail; ripped up the old mizzen topsail. 16.50 S. 108.50 W.

5 July 21st Wednes. Weather some better. Repairing the maintop and making rope for braces. Latter part Squally. Lat. 18.52 S. 109.10 W.

Ship Hector Off Shore

July 22d. Thurs. 1847. Weather
Squally. Took in the Anchors.
fluked and backed them on the
forecastle. Steering South and
6 East. Made some rope out
of tow line for lower and topsail
braces. Lat. 21"00 110"7 West.

July 23d. Friday. Weather good
Fresh trades. Some Squalls. Steer
ing to the South under single
reefed topsails. Making rope
for maintopgallant sheets.

July 24th. Sat. 23.13 S. 110"55 W.
Strong trades and Squalls of rain.
Found the barometer broken. Made
a pair of very nice belaying cleats
7 for the maintopsail braces and put
them on. Lat. 25"36 S. 111"20 W.
Course made good S W. dis 140 miles.

July 25th. Sun. Weather quite
moderate. Wind about E & E prob-
ably variables. At 4 p.m. bent
the fore topsail and main top
gallant sails. Since we must
avoid both the evil and the appear
8 ance of it, let it be observed,
that this is sea account, always
12 hours ahead of civil reckonings.
hence Sat. civil afternoon, is Sunday
sea account p.m. and Sunday astro
nomical. which makes it all congical

Onward. Towards Cape Horn.

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July 26th Mon. Lat. 27"28 S. 111"20 W. Moderate fine weather wind N.E. Co South distance 110 miles. All Sail

9 set. Passed Easter Island at day light this morning distant about 80 miles. Lat 28"47 S. 111"09 W. South Co. 90 ms

July 27th Tues. Wind North & moderate. Overhauled the wheel blocks. found them very much out of order. It is not safe to let them go over two years without refitting, & less if making passages in high latitudes

10 Pass. a Danish ship that was steering about East, probably bound to the coast of of Chili, the garden of the world! She had, that is she had, set, main royal and foretopmast studding sail. A.M. set up the top gallant rigging. Course S. b. E. distance 135 miles. Lat. 30"36 S. 110"25 W.

July 28th Wednes. Weather some

11 rainy. Wind from the North. Course S b E dis. 75 miles. No Obs.

July 29th Thurs. Weather rainy;

12 wind light from the north. Repaired the foretop gallant sail, below deck. Latter S.S.E. 72 miles.

July 30th Friday. Lat. by account 33° South Lon. do 110° West. No Observations weather

13 cloudy. Set fore tops studding sail. No Obs. Co. S.S.E. dis 114 Lat. 34"15 S. 109"05 W. by Acc.

Ship Hector South of Eas-

July 21st Sat. Fresh gale from
the north with fog and rain: veered
14 round to the N. E. In studding sails
and topgallantsails. Double
reefed: very squally with rain. Co. S.
b. E. dis 150 miles. Lat. 37" 16 S. 108" 43 W.
by account, having no observations.

Aug. first Sun. Weather moder-
ate but foggy: wind to the north.
15 Turned out the reefs set some light
sails. Killed the last pig, as we
have weather corn nor house for him.
Co. S. E. b. S. dis. 60

Aug. 2d Mon. Lat. 38" 29 S. 107" 43 W.
Begins with moderate weather, wind light
16 from the North, veered round to the S.W.
and set in fog again. All sail out.
Middle and latter part, wind out to
S. E. Co. E. b N. dis. 114 m. Lat. 38" 18 S. 105 W.

Aug. 3d Tues. Moderate from the S. E.
with cloudy weather. Standing to the
17 Eastward. A.M. wind round to the S. E.
Co. E b S. dis. 60 miles. Lat. 39" 06 S. Lon. 103" 50 W.
by double altitudes, weather cloudy at noon.

Aug. 4th Wednes. Freshening from the
north All sail out. Sent in royal yards down.
Latter part in topgallantsails & fly jib. Co.
18 S E ½ S. Dis. 178 m. Lat. 41" 20 S. 101" 30 West.
by one alt. at 11 A.M. No Meridian
observation. Close reefed the mizzen
topsail, to make the Ship Steer.

ten Island: towards Cape Horn.

Aug. 5th Thurs. 1847. Fresh gale
from the North with rain. Double reefed,
19 at 4 p.m. and took in jib & mainsail.
A.M. wind out to the S.W. then back
W.S.W. where it seems to stop. Course
S.E. 3/4 South. Dis. 182 miles. Lat. 43"35 S. 100"14 W.

Aug. 6th Friday. Fresh breeze from
the W.S.W. and fine weather. 7 p.m.
20 Squally. In studding sail and top gallant
sails. At 11 p.m. hove to: blowing hard from
S.W. Co. S.E. dis 114 m. Lat. 45"05 S. Lon. 98"20 W.

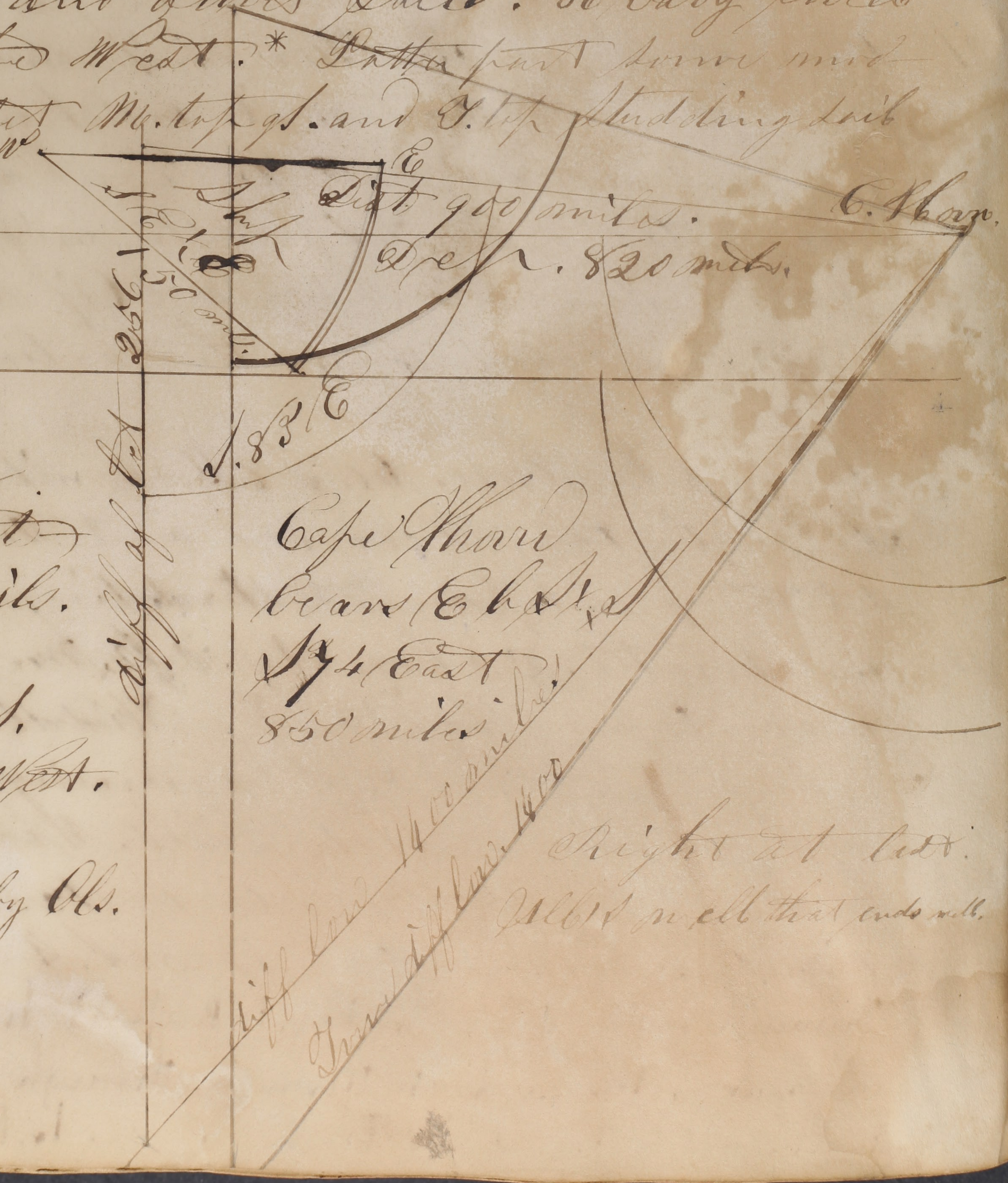
Aug. 7th Sat. Hard gale from the S.S.W.
and Squally. Laying too under close reefed
maintopsail and mainspencer and fore-
21 mast staysail. The ship makes toler-
able good weather of it, but I wish some
of our "dear friends" the land sharks were
here, these hailsqualls might tend to
mollify their consciences (if they have
any) and teach them the value of money.

Aug. 8th Sun. Co. S.E.b.E. 66 miles. 45"46 S. 97"16 W.
Gale abated. Turned out the reefs. and
set the fore-top-mast studding sail. Weather
22 moderate & cloudy. 3 P.M. set the reefed
maintopgallantsail. Middle part hard
gale from the N.W. running under double
reefed fore and maintopsails. Weather thick
and rainy. No Obs. Co by account S.E.
dis. 182 miles. Lat. 47"54 S. Lon. 94"11 West.
"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy", by stand-
ing your watch on deck through, through rain storms and
hail, watch the sails trim the yards, keep an eye to windward

Ship Hector, of N. Bedford,

Aug. 9th Mon. 1847. Sea account.
23 Weather moderate, with a very immoderate swell, from the S.W. Wind light from west, veering round to the S.W. Made some sail. Cool but not positively cold. Thermometer 50 in the gangway, but we have a stove in the cabin which makes the air to be of a temperature quite differand from what it is on deck & aloft. Latter part made all sail. No Mer. Obs. By D. Altitudes. Co S E b S. dis. 130 miles.
Lat. do 50 " 01 S. Acc. 50 " 07 S. Lon. Ch. 93 " 54 W.

Aug. 10th Tues. Fresh gale from the N.W. and thick rainy weather. In
21 Mainsail and other sails. Heavy swell from the West. * Latter part some moderated. Set M. top gt. and F. top Studding sail


W
E
Ship
Dist 900 miles.
C. Horn
Dep. 820 miles.
150 miles
diff of Lat 256
E
S. 83 E
diff Lon 1400 miles
True diff Lon. 1400

Ships run S E b S. distance 150 miles.

Lat. 51 " 44 S.
Lon. 90 " 40 West.

* Ships place by Obs.

Cape Horn bears E b S ½ S
S 74 East
850 miles

Right at last.
All's well that ends well.

towards Cape Horn. Bound home.

Aug. 11th Wednes. Fresh gale from the N.W.
In top g. and double reefed. Some rain and
25 fog. Midnight wind shifted suddenly
out to the S.W. and blew a gale. Hove
the ship to. Co. S.E.½E. 116 m. 53"03 S. 88"12 W.

Aug. 12th Thurs. Hard gale from the S.W.
and heavy sea. Lying to under close reefed
26 maintop & spencer. Set reefed fore sail.
At 7 p.m. kept off to East S.E. true and
set fore topsail. Latter moderated. made more
sail. Co S.E.½E dis. 111 ms. Lat. 53"57 S. 85"32 W.

Aug. 13th Friday. Strong E.b.S. Weather
Moderate with heavy swell from the S.W.
Variation 2 pts. Easterly. In 75 west tis 26 de-
27 grees, which is a little over 2¼ points Easterly
Off the Cape tis 2 points nearly, which bears
E.b.South 620 miles distant. Blowing on
from the North. Scudding before the
wind under close reefed maintopsail &
fore sail. Latter moderated again.
Co S.E.½S. dis. 120 m. Lat. 55"32 S. 83"20 W.

Aug. 14th Sat. Begins with moderate weather,
28 with rain from the N.W. At 4 p.m. hove
to with a hard gale from the S.S.W. Mid-
night moderated. E.S.E. 90. 56"08 S. 81"10 W.

Aug. 15th Sun. Strong breeze from the W.S.
29 W. Weather cloudy. Single reefs & reefed
main top galant sail. A.M. moderate. Sq-
uared away. Lat. 56"48. 77"46 W. E.b.S½
S. 127 m. Diego Isl. bears E.b.N. 330 miles.

Ship Hector Off Cape

Aug. 16th Mon. 1847. Wind N.W. with rain. Whole maintopsail, reef'd main-
31 topgallantsail. Moderate but breezing.
Middle part wind shifted suddenly out to the S.W. Put in two reefs and went ahead. Snow squalls hail squalls, and squalling crew. Beans for dinner. Co. E.S.E dis 150. Lat. 57"28 S. 72"24 W.

Aug. 17th Tues. Strong breeze from the west. Steering to the E.N.E. Var. 2 pts. Easterly. Diego Ramires bears E.N.E.
22 16 miles. Cape Horn is some 40 miles
further. Obtained several lunar distances of Sun and Planet Venus, which places us about 18 miles east of Chron. Middle part hard squalls: double-reef'd. Co. E by N. dis. 150. Lat. 57"18 S. 69° West. Diego bears N.E.E. 50 miles. Cape Horn 90 miles.

44 mo. out. Aug. 18th Wednes. Moderate weather, wind light from the westward. Set fore-
23d day of passage topmast studdingsail. Moderate through the day. Obs. Lat. 56"57 S. Lon. 65"20 West. Pass'd Cape Horn about 3 A.M. hence we are now in the Atlantic Ocean.
Course made good E.N. East. 120 miles.

Aug. 19th Thurs. Fresh breeze from the S.W. with snow. Ice makes about decks.
24 Lunar by plt. Venus. 10 miles East of Chro.
Mean of all the lunars is 14m. East. Steering N.E. b N. Stud sail out. Bent the old jib, in place of the new one that was split, some time since.

Home. Homeward bound. Falkland

35th day of pass. Aug 20th Friday 1847. 55"09 S 61"33 W. Co. N E½ E. 168 m. Cape Horn W b S ½ S 180. Moderate weather, whole sail breeze from S.W. Took several Lunar Observations; Chron. 1h 11" 39" slow for Greenwich mean time. Daily loss 1". one second. The Planet Venus was seen. Latter part wind out to the South. Course made good. N E b E½ E. dis. 120 mls. 54"23 S. 58"30 West.

36 Aug. 21st. Sat. Falkland Islands bear North distant 110 miles. Fresh from the North. Put one reef in the topsails. See Calfe & some porpoises: Struck one but had hard luck and lost him. Latter part strong breeze from the West and clear. Co E b N E dist. 117. Lat. 53"33 S. Lon. 55"23 West.

37 Aug. 22d Sun. Moderate from the West, hauling to the North again. All sail out. Falkland Islands bear N. W. 140 m. distant. Middle and latter part. Moderate. Co. E. N. E. dist. 85 m. Lat. 52"49 S. Lon. 53"30 W.

38 Aug. 23d Mon. Moderate from the S.W. Smooth sea pleasant weather just cold enough to make wood burn well. We have seen one anothers faces so often during the last 44 months, that they have grown quite familiar, we now move about like automatons, passing and repassing eachother without being conscious that humanity is represented by such things.

Ship Hector Off the

Aug. 23rd Mon. 1846. This day con-
28 tinued moderate from the S.W. Co.
N.N.E. dis. 120. Lat. 50-59 S. Lon. 52-20 W.
Falkland Islands. West Southerly 185 miles.

Aug. 24th Tues. Fresh breeze from
29 the S.W. and fair, with some snow.
All sail out. Steward in a great
hurry to get home so as to spend
the winter with his wife. I am
credibly informed that if a young man
stays at home, two weeks, after being
married, the women (of both sexes) begin
to talk, but if he lengthens out the
period of his shortlived enjoyment, to
three weeks; their clamour is perfect-
outragious, the poor duped thing is
actually pelted off the beach, and in
order to keep the torch of connubial
bliss, burning a while longer, he must
have recourse to stratagem; get
up early in the morning, say 9 oclock,
and start for Bedford: ostensibly, to
look for a birth, but realy, to eat
roast beef at Cabes, buy some trinket
for his wives young sister, smoke a
pipe and read & meditate upon, the news (more) delightful!
no wonder steward is anxious to be there!
During the last 12 days, we have pa-
ſs'd from 50° S in the Pacific. to 51°
S Atlantic a distance of 1600 mls.
Latter part wind South. Co. N.N.E. 134.
Lat. 48-52 S. Lon. 51-03 W. Banks bay
Falkld Isls. W.S.W. distant 280 miles.

Falkland Islands. For N. B.

Aug. 25th 1869. Weather fine wind
40 out to S.S.E. veering to the South. Set
lower studding sail. Strong through
the day. Course N. E¼ N. dis. 192 m.
Lat. 46.25 S. Lon. 47.58 West Lon.
Variation by calculation 15° Easterly.

Aug. 26th Thurs. Moderate from
41 the South. All sail out. Fine weather.
Latter part wind N.W. Co. N.E. dis 115
Lat. 45.16 S. Lon. 46.03 W. Var 17° E.

Aug. 27th Friday. Wind more to
42 the North & fresh. Lr topgt & fly jib.
Wind increasing and veering round to
the East. Latter strong gale hove to
Co. E.S. E½ E. dis. 60 m. Lat. 44.57 S. 44.42 W.

Aug. 28th Sat. Hard gale from the
43 S.E. and veering to the South. Took in
every thing except the close reefd main-
topsail and fore-top-mast-stay-sail. Mid-
dle veered to the S.W. heavy sea from
three or four differant ways. but the
old lady makes good weather of it, so
their is some consolation, for not
having a full ship. If we had a deep
ship it would be a bad time, but tis bad
enough as it is. The awful power of
Jehovah is never more conspicuous
than in a storm at sea. The constant
roar of wind and sea, against which
the ship struggles like some weak de-
fenceless animal, in the lyon's hungry grasp.

Ship Hector in the S. Atlantic.

45th day of passage. Aug. 29th Sun. 1847. Gale blowed out
~~Lat.~~ Co N. E. dis 77 miles. Lat. 43 . 53 S. 43 . 30 W.
Begins with light breeze from the W. to South.
all sail set. Plenty of birds around the
ship. Latter fresh from the N. W. In
top. sts. Co. N. E. dis. 110.m 42 . 32 S. 42° W.

Aug. 30th Mon. Strong gale from
46 the Westward. Scudding under dou-
ble reefd maintopsail & fore sail.
Latter part moderate. Made sail Course.
N. E. ¼ E. dis. 167.m Lat. 40 . 37 S. Lon. 39 . 16 W.

Aug. 31st Tues. Fresh breeze from N. W.
47 veering to the west. Continued through
the day. At midnight blew a fresh
gale. Co. N. E. ¼ E. dis. 170. 38 . 22 S. 37 . 55 W.

Aug. 32d Sept. 1st 1847. fresh breeze
48 from the North. and cloudy. Latter strong
gale hove to. Co. E. b. N. ½ N. 80 miles.

Sept. 2d Thurs. Gale abated made
49 all sail. Wind light from N. W. weather
fair: hauling out to S. E. Latter fresh
gale from the N. E. double reefd. T. Sls.

Sept. 3d Friday. Gale abated: wind backed
50 round: to the North. Much rain & little wind.
Standing to the N. E. Middle part strong
gale from North veering to N. Westerly.
Latter part hard gale. Close reefd maintop
sail & nothing more. Split stay sail (new)
as if it had been made of cotton cloth.
Stove one boat, lost gangway board. Split the—

jib, started some of the bullwarks &c. It blew hardest just before daylight, and then the staysail split and blew to pieces. While fluttering in the wind, it made a dismal sound, to the roar of wind and sea, like the constant discharge of small ordnance. It was indeed a violent gale all the way round, but hardest when about West. Perhaps not so bad as some but sufficiently so to make it terrific: fearful to behold. The ship rolling, labouring, seemingly struggling, like "some strong swimmer in his agony" to prevent sinking into the gulf below: now rearing her well formed prow, with frightful rapidity & superhuman strength, to meet the merciless waves, and then dropping helpless into the valley between them. The winds increasing gloomy roar. the stiff masts & yards, bending, waving, like the fragile boughs of a willow-tree: the cordage which supports them, strained to its utmost power of tension; life and death hang on those hempen threads. Nothing can speak plainer, the feebleness of man and the great power of God? I desire, unfeignedly, to acknowledge His sovereign might, and great goodness to us-ward, not only, when tempest tossed, but also when gentle breezes seem almost to mark our will. when waves have turned to ripples, winds to whispering zephyrs, toil some day to the evening calm repose: hark then my soul & hear the "still small voice", which calls for homage to the Great I Am, and bids us hope in Him.

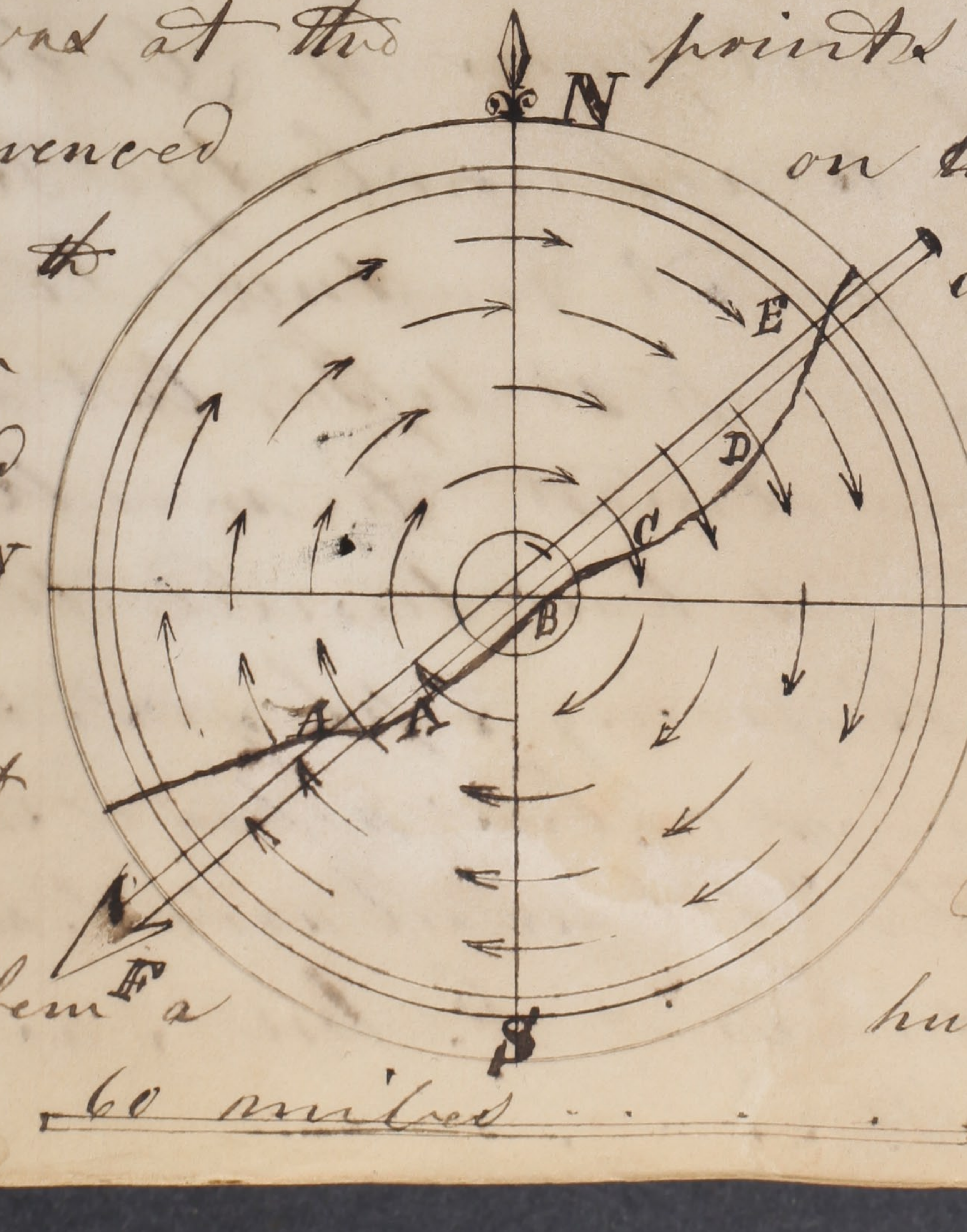
Ship Hector Coast of Brazil.

Sept. 4th Sat. 1847. 37.02 S. 33.20 W.
51 Gale abated. Squared away and made sail, wind about W.b.S. See a ship to westward running before the wind. Latter part strong breeze from the North. Co. N.E. dis. 90 m. Lat. 36.02 S. 32.20 W. Lon. by lunar 0.08 East of Chronometer.

Sept. 5th Sun. Fresh gale from the North.
52 In nearly all sail. At 8 p.m. wind shifted suddenly out to S.W. blowing strong. Set the fore sail. A.M. some moderated. At close reefed fore top sail & reefed mainsail. Co. N.E. 60 m. 35.21 S. 31.20 W.

Sept. 6th Mon. Fresh gale from the S.W.
53 5 p.m. some moderated: turned out some reefs.
Co. N.b.E 150 miles.

The annexed diagram is intended to show the ships place during the storm on the 2d 3d & 4th instant. The arrows point out the direction of the wind, which is supposed to move in a circle. The indicator F shows the general course of the storm. The ship was at the points A when the gale commenced on the 2d A.M. from S.E. At B the centre during the afternoon p.m. of the 3d wind light or baffling. At 7 p.m. she had arrived at C and the gale came on from the North but hauling gradually to the W. At D just before day when it blew a hurricane. At E p.m. of the 4th gale abated: squared away.



Towards N. Bedford. 1847.

54 days out Sept. 7th Tues. Lat. 32"51 S. 20"45 W. Fine breeze from the S.E. Took in the poor old starboard boat, all broke down and put out the larboard boat. Bent the jib & unbent the staysail what there was left of it, for repairing. Set the studding sails alow and aloft. Latter part wind out to the East. Co. N. b. E. 112. 30"58 S. 30"20 W.

Sept. 8th Wednes. Moderate from the
55 N.E. & Cloudy. Repairing the staysail. Studding sails in. Latter part wind from the North. Co. N. b. W. 55m Lat. 30"02 S. 30"[illegible] W.

Sept. 9th Thurs. Fresh from the North,
56 and fair. Making some preparation for whaling. Latter part very fine weather. Co. N E b E 55m Lat. 29"36 S. Lon. 29"59 W.

Sept. 10th Friday. Weather extremely
57 fine, wind about N.N.W. See a ship to westward running before the wind. Painted the royal yards. Put out the boats. In the evening spoke the ship Wm. Wilson of London bound to Sydney. A.M. moderate from the same quarter. Making a flying jib boom. Co. N E 60m 28"52 S. 29"10 W.

58 Sept 11th Sat. Clear and calm. Doing some small jobs about the ship. Co. N.E. dis. 22m Lat. 28"38 S. Lon. 29"00 West.

Ship Hector Towards N. B.
1847.

59th day of pass Sept. 12th Sun. Set the fly jib. Wind
light from N.N.W. and fine weather.
four sails in sight from aloft.
Co. N.E. dis. 35 m. Lat. 28.10 S. 28.30 W.

60 Sept. 13th Mon. Light breeze from the
North. Standing to the E.N.E.
Co. E.N.E. dist. 55 m. Lat. 27.52 S. 27.30 W.

Sept. 14th Tuesday. Broke up the old
boat. Weather moderate: wind N.N.W.
61 Latter part hauled some to the West.
Co. N.E. dis. 120. Lat. 26.26 S. 25.50 W.

Sept. 15th Wednes. Fresh from N.W.
We commenced standing aloft in
Lat 20 but have seen nothing but fin-
backs. Saved about 10 feet of the head
62 of the old boat, which was whole, and
put a square stern into it of plank.
It may serve some useful purpose; any-
thing is better than total shipwreck.

Sept 16th Thurs. Lat. 25° S. Lon. 24.50 W.
Weather dark and rainy. Wind baffleing.
63 Middle and latter parts fine breeze
from S.E. Co. N.W.b.W. 100. 23.27 S. 25.20 W.

Sept. 17th Friday. Fresh from S.E.
with rain. Several sails in sight all
64 apparantly bound to the Europe,
& Straights. Lunar by Planet Venus,
11 West of Chron. Latter part very
squally. Co. N.N.W. 137. Lat. 21.26 S. 26.28 W.

Coast of Brazil S. America.

65 Sept. 18th Sat. 1847. Fresh trades and cloudy. Co. N.N.W. 137 m. 19"31 S. 27"40 W.

66 Sept. 19th Sund. Fresh trades and fair. One sail in sight. All sail out. Set the main royal. Latter part squally. Co. N.N.W. 137 m. 17"28 S. 29"00 W.
29"10 Lunar.

67 Sept. 20th Mon. Fresh trades from E.b.N. and fair. One ship in sight. Latter part the same. Co. N.b.W 150. 15"06 S. 20° West.

68 Sept. 21st Tues. Fresh from E.S.E. Co. N.N.W. 154 m. Lat. 12.45 S. 31"02 W.

69 Sept. 22d Wednes. Unsteady with light squalls. About 3 A.M. a ship passed ahead of us steering N.N.W. bound, probably, to Pernambuco. Course. N.N.W. ½ W 147 miles distance. Lat. 10"37 S. Lon. 32.17 W. Cape St. Augustin bears N.W. b.N. distant 200 miles.

70 Sept. 23d Thurs. Fresh trades from about East and fair weather. Variation here is ½ pt. Westerly. Doing some work about the rigging. Latter part wind more set to the South. Co. N.N.W 120 m. 8.45 S. 33"01 W.

71 Sept. 24th Friday. Fresh from S.E. and cloudy. Making boat gripes. boat crane, and gangway board & spunyarn. Latter part the same. Co. N.N.W. ~~½~~ West. dis. 150 miles. Lat. 6"27 S. Lon. 34"28 W. Coast of Brazil, Bahia de Hermola. dis 30 miles by Chronometer, and by Lunar. not in sight.

Ship Hector on the Coast

72d days of passage Sept. 25th Sat. 1847. Fresh trades. All sail out. Studding sails alow & aloft. At 1 p.m. made the land, to the westward distant about 25 miles. At 4 p.m. luffed to the North so as to range with the Coast, being then distant about 10 miles. It appears to be low land, partly covered with trees. The sand cliffs are visible from the ships rail. Saw one sail standing in from the land. This point is called Cape Sugaro. At 10 p.m. passed Cape St. Roque. Strong trades. Co N.N.W. 172 m. Lat. 3"51 S. Lon. 36.00 West. Cape St Roque bears S.S.E. 100 miles.

73. Sept. 26th Sun. Strong trades. Steering North. Current setting to the W.N.W. Middle part squally. In studding sls. Latter part wind more steady. Var. ½ pt W. N.b.W.½W. dis. 210 miles. longest days work made during the passage, 0"35 S. 36"47 W.

74 Sept. 27th Mon. Fresh trades from S.E and fine weather. All sail out. Studdingsails alow and aloft. At 6 p.m. or thereabout, crossed the Equator. without a visit from Neptune: probably the old fellow is farther to eastward, looking for ships outward bound; those returning are so peevish and crossgrained, his godship will not deign to honor them with his presence. Course N b W. dis. 170. Lat. 2"15 N. Lon. 37"30 W.

of Brazil. For North America.

Sept. 28th Tues. 1847. Fresh trades
75 and some squalls. Making spunyarn
and setting up the main rigging.
Co N. b. W. dis. 202 m. Lat. 5"35 N. Lon. 38"10 W.

Sept. 29th Wednes. Moderate from
76 S E to East and fair. At work on
the rigging. All sail out. Middle
part calm. Latter light from S.
Co N b W. 100 m. Lat. 7"17 N. Lon. 38"25 W.

Sept. 30th Thurs. Light from the
77 South. Fair and warm. Employed on
the rigging and bobstays. Latter part
very clear. Co N b E dis. 60. 8"30 N. L. 38"15 W.

Oct. 1st Friday Squally from the
78 S.W. hauling to the South. Rainy.
Cleaned the ships bends and blacked
round the bows. Wind baffleing the
Co. by acc. N.W. b N. 60. 9"18 N. 38"50 W. No obs.

Oct. 2d Sat. Dark rainy, squally
79 weather. Wind baffleing all round the
compass. Much rain. Latter part fair
Co. N b E. 60. Lat 10"10 N 38"33 West.

Oct. 3d Sund. Wet the hold washed
80 off &c. Weather continues cloudy wind
very light. Middle part rainy. Latter fair
with wind from the N.E. Course N.W. b N.
distance 17 miles. Lat. 10"22 N. Lon. 38"40 W.

Oct 4th Mon. 1847. Light from the
81 N. East and fair. Tide rips numerous and strong. Commenced tarring the rigging. Course N.W. b. N. dist 75 m Lat. 11"23 N. Lon. 39"35 W.

Oct. 5th Tues. Baffling from N.E.
82 to North East light, with appearances of rain. Continue tarring. Course W. N. W. distance 100 miles. Lat. 12"17 N. Lon. 41"25 West.

Oct. 6th Wednes. Moderate from
83 the N. East, and fair hot weather. Co. N. W. b W. dis. 90 miles 13"10 N. Lon 42.35 W.

Oct. 7th Thurs. Moderate trades
84 and fine weather, but oppressively warm. Wet the hold every day now for the oil seems to be leaking a little. We suppose it is the trades, but they are sometimes taken this time of year in 14° N. They have been lost by ships bound south as high up as 21° N. some later in the season. Middle part squally. Latter fair. Cleaning the iron work & blacking with coal tar. The rigging is fitted and tarred. Co. N.W. b W. dis. 120. Lat. 14"19 N. Lon. 44.20 West.

Oct. 8th Friday. Moderate trades.
85 Course N. W. dis 120. 15.46 N. Lon. 45.45 W. Got up the gun for the purpose of repairing the carriage.

Indies. Towards New Bedford.

Oct. 9th. Sat. 1847. Moderate steady trades and fine weather. All sail out. Got up and opened a siscty of cabbages, that were put up in vinegar, about one year ago, & found them
86 perfectly fresh and good, 'tho a little inclined to be sour. —— We ate them raw, to prevent the near approach of scurvy, should such a gentleman happen to be lurking about our premises. —— A. M. a sail off the weather beam steering to the westward. Co. N.W. & W. Dist. 140 miles. Lat. 17"16 N. Lon. 47"35 W.

Oct. 10th. Fresh trades and fair. Steering
87 to the N.W. Wind about N.E. b N. Co. N.W. dis. 170. Lat. 19"11 N. Lon. 49"55 W.

Oct. 11th. Mon. Fresh trades and
88 fine weather. All sail out. Wind decreasing. Moon is changed and now on the increase. Co. N.W. 156 m. 21"02 N. 51"45 W.

Oct. 12th. Tues. Some squalls
89 of rain which kill the wind. Washing ship for painting. Latter part strong. Co. N.W. & W. 162 m. 22.40 N. 54.05 W.

90 Oct. 13th. Wednes. Strong trades & squally. Latter part some moderated. Co. N.W. dis. 156 m. Lat. 24.20 N. 56.16 W.

Ship Hector. towards New

Oct. 14th Thursday. 1847. Fresh
91 trades and fair weather. Clean-
ing ship for painting. Wet the
hold. A.M. continued the same.
Co N.W.½W. 133m 26.50 N. 57.37 W.

Oct. 15th Friday. Fresh trades
92 and fair weather. Steering N.W.½
W. ~~the~~ several days. Scraped and
varnished the wheel. A.M.
signalised a large ship, steer
the same course nearly with our
selves, which shewed Amer-
ican colours. Course N.W.½W.
distance. 165 miles. 27.30 N. 60.20 W.

Oct. 16th Sat. Fresh trades.
93 from N.N.E. and fair with a
heavy, that is large, swell from
the S.E. The ship is steering
off some more than we are, which
brings him to leeward. He has
beside the the usual sail; a cross
jack sail maintopmast stay-
sail and jib-of-jibs. Probably
he is a married man which
makes him to be in such haste.
Co. N.W. b W.½W. 160. 28.50 N. 62.55 W.

Oct. 17th Sund. Strong trades. The
94 above ship still in sight. Bermu-
udas Islands bear N b W. 225 miles
A.M. two or three ships in sight all steer
ing to the North West. Co N.W. b W. 132 miles.

Bedford, from Coast of Peru.
1847.

95 46 months out Oct. 18th Mon. Lat. 30.15 N. Lon. 65"15 W. Strong trades and some squalls. Bermudas Islands bear N. b. E. distant 115 mls. Passed a hermaphrodite brig that hoisted the stripes & stars. alias gridiron. uncle-Sams hatband &c. He was steering about right for St. Thomas. Course N.W. 1/4 W. distance 153 m. Lat. 31"48 N. Lon. 67"36 W. Gay Head bears N. b. W. 1/4 W. 590 miles.

96. Oct. 19th Tues. Fresh trades and cloudy. All sail out. Fitting the bunt gaskets. A.M. Painting inside, & cabin. Co. N.W. & N. 145 m. Lat. 33.40 N. Lon. 69"27 W. Gay Head bears N. 3/4 W. 470 miles distant.

97 Oct. 20th Wednes. Light wind from S.E. and cloudy weather. Finished painting. A.M. commenced painting out side, took a squall of rain, when nearly done which caused the black to run down upon the white waste, so it looks rather streaked, I hope the good people of N. Bedford will not take us to be the striped pig. Wind North. Co. N.W. 1/4 W. dis. 75 miles. 34"37 N. 70.30 W. Lat. Gay Head. N. 1/4 W. distant 404 miles. 2 days sail.

98 Oct. 21st Thurs. Fresh from the North and fair. Finished painting. Weather looks some squally. We shall now with Gods blessing soon return to our homes but many of us can never return to all those we left behind: tis a solemn thought. Middle part strong gale from the North & East. double reefed & in mainsail. [illegible]

Ship Hector Off Cape Hateras
1847

Oct 22d. Course W. b. N. 105 miles.
Lat. 36.13 N. Lon. 72"35 W.
Gay head N. b. E. 385 miles distant,
Cape Hateras shoals W. b. N. 146 miles.)
Begins with more moderate weather
wind from N.N.E. to N.E.
Made sail again. Passed large
quantytives of gulf weed: 4 p.m.
weather clear wind comes in strong
gusts, Horizon heaps to a height
of 5 to 7 degrees: these together with
the absence of gulf weed, or but
here and there a sprig, are almost
sure indications that we are
in the gulf or Floridy stream,
There are some two or three
sails in sight. At 3 A.M.
passed a rip which we suppose is
the Northern edge of the gulf Stream.
The water & air to are considerable
cooler. Painting a little. Co N.N.W
dis. 112 m. Lat. 36"40 N. Lon. 73"30 West.

Gay Head bears N. b. E ½ E 300 miles.
Mouth of the Chesepeak bay West, nearly
distant 120 miles by Chrono.

Oct. 23rd Sat. 1847. Begins with
100. light breeze from the Eastward and
very fine weather. Finished painting.
~~Set~~ the Studding sails. One ship
passed to leeward steering away to the
South. Employed in doing small
jobs about the Ship. Latter part wind
out to the S.W. Commenced heaving
the tryworks overboard. Course
N. N. E. dis. 101 miles. 38.15 N. 72.43 West.

Oct. 24th Sun. Begins with fresh
101 breeze from the S.W. to West & N.W.
and finally at 6 p.m. tis out N.N.E.
Right as near ahead as you can point.
Increasing; in topgallant sails. Tacked
to the N.W. The cutting pendants were
sent down this fore noon. Yesterday
at sunset as usual we saw a few small
sperm whales, going quick to windward.
Our look out aloft said he was so in-
tent upon home that he did not see
hide nor hair of em!. Block Island
bears N. b. E. ½ E. 175 miles by Chron.
Latter part wind out to the Eastward.
Co. by Acc. N ¼ E. dis. 97 m. Lat 39.52 N. Lon. 72.40 W.
Montauk Point N. N. E. 80 [illegible] No Obs. Weather cloudy.

Oct. 25th Mon. Begins with thick weather
102 from the East veering to South. At 5 p.m.
sounded in 26 fathoms sand & shells: [illegible]
by the chart and our reckoning. Gay Head
bears N. E. ½ E. 100 miles. Block Island N. E. b N.
60. Long Island Shore North 35 miles. At 6

A.M. Spoke a large Ship deck crowded with people, probably a packet from Europe bound to New York. 4 Wind light from E.S.E. In top-gallant sails. He said he saw the land about 3 p.m. 1 Saw several ship and smaller vessels steering to the S.W. Weather dark wind light except in squalls. 9: No observations of any kind since yesterday. Middle part fresh breeze S.W. Steering N.E.b.N. all sails out. Sound every 2 hours. water same depth through the Night. At daylight saw the land south part of Long Island. Soon pass'd Montauk and raised block Island. Pass'd the latter at 10 9 A.M. At about 10 miles distant from do. Steering E.N.E. for Gay Head which is about 25 miles distant. Several schooners in sight & some brigs.

Oct. 26th Tues. Begins with strong 10,3 breezes from S.W. At 1 p.m. hard squalls with rain. Hove to under double reefed maintopsail and fore sail. At 4 p.m. weather fine wind out to the West. Ran in towards 9 Gay Head and Cuttyhunk. The latter distant at 6 p.m. about 6 miles. See of Peru bound to New Bedford. Sail boat to leeward near Senequese, whether he is a pilot we know not. Several vessells in sight. Weather clear wind out to the West and clear of squalls and rain, which is a great favor. We shall lye of here Gay Head light bearing E b S Cutty Hunk N. E. till morning and then run in to the sound or bay. Those fierce squalls of rain and black weather, gave us some trouble and more fright, and warned us not to get to near the land. The Vineyard is once more in sight, but the people where are they: Some of them we can never see again. I feel a sad foreboding. I hope it is only because much sorrow is associated with my remembrance of the Vineyard, & but a little joy. We long yet fear the truth to hear. Was man ever made for such things, such long periods of separation from every social influence, that makes life desirable, made to be miserable, unhappy, to sigh for liberty. Pent up, chilled, hardend, educated where want of thought is wisdom & stupidity a virtue. Was man then made to mourn. In the night it blew on hard from the N. W. which threatened to drive us off again into the gulf. Carried sail hard to hold on. At day light squared a little and pointed for the Vineyard sound under double reef M topsail close reefd main & fore sail. At 9 A.M. took a pilot under the lee of Cuttyhunk. At 10 anchored in the Cove. Mr Davis of Holmes hole is the Pilot. So through the good providence of God we

have not been driven off nor met with
any accident: how thankful should we
be. We have had a great many gales and
been hove to during this passage I sup-
pose near a dozen times. In a voyage
of 46 months we have not lost a man
nor has there been one floged. I am
9 happy to say this as it goes to prove
that men are not cattle, that they
may be governed without brute force.
and made to do faithfully and fully
their duty without curses & abuse.

Oct. 27th Wednes. Begins with strong
104 gale from the North: draged off into
9 the sound about 1/2 mile, gave out more chain
and brought her up: the old lady
don't like to lay here, tisn't her
home and she seems to know
it. At sunrise fired one gun
to let the good folk's know that the
sun was coming up smiling &
pleasant, what a clever old fellow
9 he is, strange people dont make more
of him. I suppose tis because he is
an olde batch and forswears matrimony.

Cove. Towards New Bedford.

1847

Oct. 28th Thurs. Begins with light breezes from the Eastward. Got underway, drifted down towards the Sow and pigs, towed around them, it being calm, and anchored under the Isle of Penne, in 20 fathoms of water. Got under way again, and at 10 A.M. Friday, 29th anchored off Clarks Point. Got under way and ran along side of the wharf. before Noon, Entered the Ship on Sat, 30th Oct. 1847.

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Journal on Shore.

1848

May 11th. Left West Tisbury for Wisconsin, accompanied with Mother & brother Athearn. Went by Fallriver & New York, & Erie canal. Arrived in Buffalo May 22d. Next day took passage onboard the Steamer Patchin for Millwaukee Cabin fare 12 dollars, Steerage 6 dollars. & $4.50 for a State room on main deck, May 28th Sunday arrived at the City of Millwaukee. Started for the interior in a waggon, (two horses). The roads are rough & weather hot, May 30th Arrived in Portlande Dodge Co. at brother Williams & Stillmans. All safe & well.

June 16th Purchased a 40 acre lot of Sally P Smith in York dane Co. for 400 dollars. There is a small frame house and some improved. Purchased 80 acres of D. Whiting for 700 dollars,

Oct. 23d Left Millwaukee on the Steamer Sultana for the East. Arrived Nov. 7th in West Tisbury.

Journal on Shore.

1849. June 19th Left the Vineyard for the West. Arrived in Boston, Went out to Jamaca plains to visit Aunt Polly Sumner: found them gone to Randolph: went out there on the old colony road went out & took Aunt Sumner home; uncle Arthur prefered to remain & finnish his visit. Went into Boston on Friday 22d Debrah was taken sick. 23d Some better, Stoped at the house of Mr. Ruben Rice. his wife was a Miss Nettell & a cousin of mine. went out to the Plains again. June 26th went into Boston & took the cars for West Brookfield. Stoped at the house of Aunt Rachel R. Merryam. June 29th left in the cars for the west. Arrived in Albany & took the 7 p.m. train for Buffalo. Arrived at 2 p.m. Sat. 30th. At 8 Oclk. went onboard the Steamer Nile for Millwaukee.

July 2d Monday toutched at Detroit Mitch. the 4th toutched at the Maniton Islands. 6 p.m. at Sheboyan. 5th landed at Milwaukee. at 2 p.m. Started for the interior in a two horse wagon. 20 miles out put up for the night. 7th Sat. Arrived at York centre at 2 p.m. tired & hungry & glade. 17th Deborah had a severe attack of the mumps & was sick for a week. August 1st entirely well again.

Aug. 2d Went to Waterloo for the sake of the ride. Purchased some stores &c. returning brought a passenger a child of Mrs. Whiting. Aug. 11th went to Columbus.

Journal on Shore.

1849.

Aug. 18th All in good health through grace. Crops abundent & well secured: weather very fine, rather warm. Life glides quietly & peacefully away without loss or gain fear or tumult. but little money here.

1850 Aug. 1st Winter wheat struck with rust commenced harvesting. 18th finished stacking. The grain was too dry & shelled badly. 19th Stormy with rain & heavy thunder. p.m. weather changed being cold & cloudy. This Summer has been extremely hot & sultry: corn now nearly full; every thing grows rapidly.

Aug. 28th Heard of the death of Sister Lydia West. Lambert. of Chillmark Dukes Co. Massachus we mourn not as those without hope.

Oct. Thos. G. Lambert sailed from New. Bedford in ship Amethyst, Howse of do. Toped the Stocks this year; husked the corn in the field. 200 bushels. dug potatoes 300 nearly. Threshed out all the grain.

Nov. 9th Returned from a trip out to Fairfield Dodge Co. 10th Went to Porters to funeral. 26th Our dear little child Almira departed hense. She sunk early & peacefully into the house for all living. April 7th My heart still bleeds for her we loved so well, so lovely so cheerful, but O! how feeble. How like the fragile flowers of May. The autumn comes they melt away. Mysterious are thy ways Oh God.

Journal on Shore.

1851. July 12th The season thus far had been very cold backward & rainy beyond all precedent.

Sept. The past Summer had been indeed a wet Season; rain rain continually for days & weeks with but little intermission; crops poor.

1852.

March. Stormy month. The winter had been extremely cold at times but not lasting over three or four days at once; frequent thaws.

April 1st extremely cold with high wind.
In March the winter grain started finely but now
" 6th " tis freezing out in a way never known before.

May 1st Cold rainy weather. Season very backward. Cold North East storms frequent. Traded, with D. C. Bassett, of Columbus, mill property in Elba Dodge Co. for a farm near Wyocena Columbia Co: leaving business.

May 10th Commenced planting corn: also sowing wheat. Fine warm weather with thunder showers. Middle & last parts warm & dry weather.

June 2d Brother Stillman started for his home on the Menomony lands 60 miles North West of York Centre 25 miles above Portage. Rain with thunder & lightning in great abundance. 11th Some still planting. 13th Wether fine but getting quite dry. Crops up in tolerable good order; many people are troubled with poor seed corn; wont come up, various reasons are assigned.

Diary Wisconsin

1852 June. Plenty of rain last part of this month which was much needed.

July 29th. Sold the S. W. qr. of the N. W. qr. T. 9 N. Rd 12 E. to John Williams for $400.

Aug. 12th. Old mare Kate foaled colt Nero. Traded a 3 years old for Mare dolly. which makes us a good span both 9 years old.

Sept 30th. Moved Deborah & baby (Albertin) to Wyocena Columbia Co. Wisconsin.

Oct. 30th. During the last week we have had a regular N. East Storm. Cattle begin to want fodder of some kind.

Nov. 9th. High North wind & cold weather. latter part a regular thaw; no snow yet.

Dec. 1st part moderate; middle & last parts, high winds & cold with plenty of snow & good sleighing. Fine weather for business.

1853. Jan. First part & middle some thawy but fine weather for out door work; last part sleighing used up entirely.

April. Plowing & sowing spring grain Weather fine most of the time. Sowed some herds grass. Returned from a visit to York.

Diary

1853. April 26th Strong South west gales and very dry weather. A great fire ran through the country here consuming every thing combustible in its way: it burnt nearly all our fence, together with our stables farming tools hay & grain in bin &c. Come near destroying the house: others lost fences.

May 1st Employed in repairing damages building shelter for stock &c. 2d to 7th Stormy from th North East with much rain & cold. 14th thunder & lightning & rain 15th Strong South west wind. Much trouble with the cattle from the village & elsewhere, on our crops which are still exposed without fence.

June 1st planting corn. better late than never.

July 4th Attended a celebration in Wyocena. Oration by J. W. Earle of Pardeville.

July 30th Sold Ponies, harness &c. to R. C. Rockwood of Wyocena. also saddle & bridle for $135.

Aug. 4th Commenced harvesting Spring wheat & oats.

Aug. 20th to 30th Heavy rains have prevented haying in a great measure on th marshes.

Sept 8th Went to Hamden Post office on the Fountain Prairie. (eight miles south of the Ohio house & found the brindle cow which strayed in the night of Sept. 5th/52. from the house above named. She was kept by Mr Bushnell the Post master.

Diary Wisconsin.

1853. Sept 15th Heavy rains & stormy weather bad frost.

Sept 22d Fine weather. Finished stacking hay. assisted by Mr. Spear C. & Mr. Sharp.

Sept. 27th Chas. B. Lapham one of our old neighbors in York came along with his family having sold out in York. bound to the Menomony lands 25 miles above Portage where he had a farm. Deborah & the child Martin went off with him to visit brother Stillman who lives near by.

Oct. 1st Fine weather in the day time, light frost at night. Engaged in harvesting corn.

Oct. 25th First snow of the season.

Nov. 14th Built a small addition over the cellar way.

Dec. 29th First hard snow storm of the season.

1854. Jan. 1st Extreme cold weather. Ther. 24° below zero.

Jan 4th Slight thaw for a few hours only. Cold & stormy for the most part throughought the month.

Feb. 1st Fine weather & good sleighing.

March 16th Weather dry with high winds. A great fire ran through to the North & west of here, doing much damage to fences hay &c. with the aid of people from the village we succeeded, by great exertion in keeping it off from this & places to the South East & Sutherland.

Diary

1854. April 8th Sowing Spring wheat.

May 8th Went North with Mother, to Stillmans.

May 16th Weather Stormy, wind thunder & rain in great abundence. Some planting done wheat looks well.

June 5th Started for the Vineyard Mass. via Madison, in the waggon of Saml. Wedge. together with Mrs. Steele & her son James. who were going to Perth Amboy New Jersey.

June 17th Arrived on the Vineyard Mass. We traveled to Madison in wagon as above; to Millwaukee by railroad; to Buffalo by steamboat the Lady Elgin Capt. Chamberlain: to Boston & New Bedford by railroad: to Holmeshole by steam. boat: to Chillmark by mailstage arrived at 4 p. m. Stoped on the Island till Oct. We have with us two Children Martin & Willis a baby. Visited at the following houses Viz. Geo. West. Geo. West Jr. James Lambert. Ellis Skiff. Saml. Skiff. Henry Chesbrough. James Mayhew. Wm West. Samuel Tilton Moses West. Hiram Hammet. John Tilton Benjamin Mantor, Granville Mantor. Allen Tilton. all of Chillmark. Thos West, Bartlett Mayhew, Harvey Weeks. Matthew Coffin, Wm B. Mayhew. Wm H. Luce. John Mantor, Daniel Mantor. Jared Hubert. Samuel Thompson. Barnard Luce. Alphonso Luce. Leonard West: these of West. Tisbury. Attended a celebration on the fourth day and evening. Fireworks exibited on brandy brow near the Tyesquin Factory. West. Tisbury.

Diary

1854 August. Flour 12 dollars per barrel. corn one dollar pr. bushel. rye $1,25 pr bush. &c.

Oct. 21st Saturday. Left the Vineyard in the Packet Abba Arrived in New Bedford at 6 pm. Oct. 23d Monday Left New Bedford at 11 A.M. Ar. in Boston at 7 p.m. Oct. 24th Left Boston at 11 A.M. on the Fitchburg road. Ar. in Rutland at 10 pm. Left Rutland Vt. at 6 A.M. Oct. 25th Ar. in Albany at 10 A.M. Left Albany at 11 A.M. Ar. in Niagary Falls at 10 p.m. Left the Suspension Bridge Thursday Oct. 26th at 11 A.M. on the Canada railroad. Ar. in Detroit Mich. at 10 p.m. Left Detroit at 9 A.M. Friday Oct. 27th Ar. in Chica Ill. at 10 p.m. Left Chicago at 8.30 A.M. Sat. Ar. in Madison Wis. at 10 P.M. Left Madison at 9 A.M. in a livery wagon belonging to Portage Arrived home at the Bush place at Wyocena at 3 p.m. Sunday Oct. 29th 1854. having been absent four months & fourteen days. Found all well.

Dec. Been very sick with pain in face teeth, head, bones &c. entirely prostratered.

1855.

Jan. First part moderate latter part snow.

Feb. Cold & Stormy nearly all this month with snow, eighteen inches on a level.

March. Begins with a thaw which carries off most of the snow. 17th Snowing fast. 18th Snow one foot deep on a level. weather cold with high strong gales.

Diary

1855. April commenced plowing. 20th received a visit from Hepsey Williams of York Dane C.

May 5th Spring wheat alle sowed & commenced plowing for corn. Weather dry: no rain. 26th finished planting corn. A great drought: graſs & grain drying up about the roots. Wheat somewhat injured. 30th Thunder showers 31st plenty of rain with some thunder.

June 1st. Plenty of rain: a north East Storm. The Smiling faces & greatfull hearts of the Farmers show that hope is again revived. Earth too nolonger parched with the burning rays of a cloudleſs Sun Seems to answer with gladneſs Heavens bountyous calle & Silently but Surely prepares to meet the returning wants of all things livings. "While the Earth endureth Seed time & harvest shalle never fail". A Short time since I received a letter from John. Williams of York Stating that Mother had Started for the East. Poor old Woman. She came out here to see her children & has gone back probably to die. Farewell to thee Mother. I persuaded thee to Stay at thy home in Maſs & thy answer was I "shalle die if you leave me here" Again I said you had better Stay here, & your answer was ~~You shalle~~ die for I cant. Stay in this awfulle country. Again I say farewelle. Your fate is hard.

July. Fine growing weather with plenty of rain.

1855 Diary

Aug. Received a letter from Father & Mother dated July 20th at West Tisbury Mass. They were together. Received a letter from Mother dated Aug. 2d 1855. in which she stated her disappointment in not seeing Athearn, her desire to see us particularly, the children: how hard she worked, & finally that she was about to return to Wisconsin & that we need not answer the letter unless it was so that she could not come which would "break her heart". Soon after this we received a letter from Sarah O. Manton dated Aug. 12th in which we read that my poor Mother was dead: that she died by her own hand in the night of Aug. 9th 1855. just seven days after she wrote to us stating that she was about to return that her health was better that she had left off smoking tobacco & all kinds of (opium) medicine. She had been addicted to the habit for many a long year & the sudden breaking off was no doubt the immediate cause of her melancholy end. but the remote & approximate causes must be sought for in the history of the last forty or fifty years. of her unfortunate & unhappy life.

Sept. A month long to be remembered: a month of storms & rain: more rain than has been known for the last twenty years during the same length of time.

Oct. In the main a pleasant month but some stormy & rather cold.

1855 Diary

Nov. Begins pleasant. Indian summer. On the sixth is the State election when we hope to remove some of the unprincipled sharpers who have, in part, robbed generations yet unborn of their glorious patrimony derived from the sale of lands donated to the state by the people of the United States.

Dec. Weather changable but looks like winter. Engaged in husking corn I.E. maize.

1856. Jan. Coldest weather that has been known for many years. Thermometer from 20° to 30° below zero Farenheit scale.

Feb. Cold with snow to the depth of 14 inches on a level. Fodder scarse & dear.

March. More pleasant but continues cold with snow. Latter part milder. The male Grouse begin to boo boo their song of Spring. Have lost during the past winter one calf & three sheep. Last of the month fine weather frosty mornings & fires in the distance.

April 7th Frost about out of the ground. Commenceed plowing with steers. 20th Sowing wheat: weather warm: rain.

May 1st to 10th Frequent & cold rains. Fruit trees set two weeks ago doing well. 12th spring wheat up three inches & growing finely. Cold N. Easterly weather: cattle turned out to find their living on the marshes.

1856. Diary

May ~~23d~~ 23d. Great hail & rain storm in the night: much damage done to windows, fruit trees wheat & all kinds of vegatation that had started above ground.

June. Dry weather this month. Crops suffers in the openings: prospects look bad.

July. Dry crops suffer for rain.

Aug. Some rain but crops badly injured. Have been sick all summer, first with billious intermitant fever then fever and ague.

Sept. Tolerable fine weather wheat doing well. A family of Smiths, nine in number, moved on to our place April 1st 1856. for the purpose of working it on shares. we fell the want of room.

Oct. Fine Autumn weather.

Nov. 3d. Rain from the North. 20th rainy weather about this time & quite cold wind from the South.

Dec. 2d. Heavy snow storm with driving strong gale from the North East. 5th Ther 5° below zero. 6th. 13° below. 8th 18 below. cold weather, good sleighing. 9th 26 above zero. 10th & 11th warm thawing from off the houses. 13th. Signs of snow. 14th hard storm from the North & cold. Ther. 10° above at Noon. Some of the peaple hereabouts have been getting out ties for the rail-road. We can already hear the whistle distant about 4 miles North.

1856.

Diary

Dec. Last. This has been a cold stormy month. Ther. most of the time from 10° to 26° below zero. & snow 18 inches deep on a level.

1857.

Jan. The New Year begins with cold stormy weather. Now thaw. 18th Ther. 26 below zero. 30th 32° above zero. Finished drawing hay. Jan Last. this month has been for the most part cold & stormy. About 4 inches below the surface of the snow. there is a hard crust of ice which almost prevents travling except where there is a well broken track. The ice is not sufficiently strong to bear a team & when their feet & legs break or crush through it cuts them cruelly. From Sat. Morn Jan 31st to Sunday morning Feb 1st a period of about 18 hours. The Ther. fell 40 degrees. I. E. from 36° above to 4° below zero.

Feb. 7th Violent storm of wind & rain from the North East. Veering to the South. Ther 40° above 8th Sun. Ther. 4° below zero at sunrise. clear.

March 7th Ther 2° below zero. 16th drawing rails for the purpose of fencing west of the road. Snow hard enough to bear a team. 22d Rainy from the South. Ther 40° above. Snow going off fast; land were more in sight.

April 1st Fine moderate weather. Some have begun to plow. The three last winters have been long & cold but this last over tops all for severity. No thaw of note for about ninety days. Cattle suffered extremely fodder was very scarse & high. hay one dollar pr. hundred corn one dollar pr bushel. Pork 12 cts pr. lb. wheat. One dollar pr. bushel

1857. Diary.

April 7th Election for town officers. P.M. Snowing wind from the South East. Some wheat sown this month the weather had been tolerable good. The land was too wet & cold wheat Smuted.

May 4th A very respectable snow Storm. The Spring wheat is coming up. May 15th cold with rain. We have sowed 46 bushels of Spring wheat. On the 10th Mr. Butman, of this town lost his stables fences &c. by fire; the fires are about done running. The seed corn rotted in the ground. Cause first the seed was poor 2d the ground was kept cold & wet for a long time by col rains.

June. First part dry. 20th rain.

July First part. dry 13th rain 29th rain. Last part cut winter wheat & rye.

Aug. First part some Squally. 4th Spring wheat harvest fairly begun.

Sept. First part fair. latter part Stormy.

Oct. Wet weather for the most part. 20th about this date hard frost at night. Potatoes &c. Some frozen in the ground. Latter part fine but cool nights.

Nov. Rainy weather very frequent this fall. 7th Sold Charles Spear. 20 acres of land. the E.½ of the N. West. qr. of the North East qr. of sec. 27. Town 12 N. Range 10, East. 9th Snow Squalls. 17th Snow. storm. Ther. 10° above zero. 22d 6 above at Sunrise.

1857. Diary.

Nov. 5th & 6th Strong gale from the south west.
Snow flies & drifts considerably. Winter
we think is fairly begun but hope not. 27th
butchering a fat heifer. 28th fine weather
30th Ther. 32° above zero. weather thick & darly.

Dec. 1st Weather fine ther. 28 above zero. 6th rain
from the Southeast after noon cleared up. Ther.
40° above. 8th Snow. 11th Ther. 20 above 25th
Same. Snowing alittle. Weather fine.

1858.

Jan. The New year began with a snow
storm which was of short duration,
and went mostly off in a few days. 10th
rain, wind from the southern board. 30th
this month has continued moderate throughout.

Feb. Commences with colder weather & snow. 11th
Ther, 7° below zero. 17th Snow & cold: vocal concert
in Wyocena J. B. Carpenter of Oshcosh director.
22d 10° below zero, 25th & 26th something thawy.
Last, cooler, wind the North west. weather cloudy.

March First part cold & stormy. 14th warm thawing. 15th ther.
+60 raining. 25th plowing. 30th sowing wheat.
Last part of this month weather fair & warm.

April. Begins with fine pleasant weather. Fires in
sight at some distance. Last part cold & rainy.

May. Begins with cold rainy or cloudy weather.
Spring wheat & oats up. Some sowing yet 6th
p.m. Sunshine & warm weather. Plowing
for corn. Middle & latter parts of
this month cold & wet for the time
of year. 28th Deborah went to York.

1858. Diary Wisconsin.

June first. went to York on horse back to assist in bringing, Deborah. with Martin & Georgia Anna; home. also Mrs. Mayhew & child. The roads are almost impasable. The amount of rain which has fell this spring is immense. The like was never known before in this country. 2d. arrived at 4 p.m. 3d. heavy rain with much lightning & thunder. 4th. wet. Sat 5th. planting some corn. 6th. light showers & warm. Ther. +60.° 10th. rain. 17th. Ther. +92°. 22d. +92°. 29th. +97° always in the shade. 30th. rain. Very warm weather. musketoes plenty.

July 1st. rain. 4th. Sunday. Fine weather. Celebrations on the third & fifth. 9th. rain. 13th. commenced harvesting rye. 15th. commenced harvesting the winter wheat. The crop of rye is good neat average. 24th. commenced cutting the spring wheat. Weather dry. No rain since the 9th. crops begin to suffer. 25th. Some rain with thunder. 29th. ~~Hail Storm~~ mistake.

Aug. 3d. Hevy rain. 6th. Ther +96. 9th. rain. 18th. threshing grain light. yeild highest 10 bushels to the acre. 29th. light frost but sufficient to kill half of the buckwheat & injure the vines. Sugar cane (Chinese or Sorghum.) doing well. Ther. —42 in the morning quite cold.

Sept. 6th & 7th Ther — 86. 9th heavy rain. 12th Ther—84 20th + 80. Warm & pleasant throughout.

Oct. 7th Th +45. Weather cold with rain & high wind. 8th hard frost Th +33°.

The sign — (minus) below zero. The sign + (plus) above zero.

1858-9 Diary

Oct. 8th Ther. −33. Cold weather & windy. 21 Cold rain wind to the North. Last part wet & bad weather – Altogether this month has been unfavorable for autumn labor, such as securing potatoes Corn &c. The potatoes are good but light yeild: corn good.

Nov. Begins with cold rainy weather. Ther. + 40. 6th no rain but cloudy: wind North. 10th light snow. Ther. 26 sunrise. Wind Easterly. 15th 12 below. 18th 4. Pretty cold weather. 21st +30. warm. This day (Sunday) at 6 p.m. a child was born. Latter part tolerable decent weather.

Wallis Sumner

Dec. Begins with snow. + 30°. 4th Snow. 8th −12°. 9th Clear & cold. −18°. 10th +25. 11th +10°. 12th Sunday Ther. + 24°. ~~Warm~~ winter wether & good sleighing for several days past. During the 24 hours which ended at sunrise Dec. 10th the Ther. rose from 18 degrees below zero to 25 d. above. If that does not show a changeable climate please inform us. To day 12th wind South & thick weather. 30th heavy rain storm.

1859 Jan. Begins with tolerable moderate winter weather. 4 Ther. +17. 22d −10° cold weather. 23d + 6. The old year has gone & the new year is going. Taxes over 20 mills on dollar. This is intolerable and very oppressive. The ground is nearly bare & the winter grain will freeze hard. 23d + 6. 28th + 25°. light snow.

Feb. 4th + 10 Snow. 8th very icy & bad traveling. 19th rainy, wet, muddy, Examination of all the schools in this town. 22d Ther. + 50 rainy weather. 23d Feb. [illegible] two young [illegible] visit [illegible]

Diary

1859

Feb. This month has been remarkable for great changes & much stormy weather. mud in abundance. 27th rain cold wind from the north west.

March. Easterly rainstorm cold & disagreeable. 11th. Cow Bet brought forth a half devon heifer calf. cow mostly black calf red. 25th Cool. Ther. +25°. 29th Ther. +34. four inches of snow.

April. 2d Three inches of snow. 4th +22 Ther. Weather cold for the season. 8th + Ther. 24 commenced sowing grain: spring wheat. ground dry & weather fine. 9th noon commenced raining. 10th rainy. 13th raining 14th strong gale from the west & S.W. & some snow. Warm again.

May. 6th +85. 19th rain. Last part fine.

June 4th A fearfully destructive frost in the morning of this day cut off all vegitables that were above ground & unprotected by some thick covering. except rye, wheat, pease, sunflowers & perhaps a few others. Corn that was up & growing finely layed level with the ground & in some cases killed out entirely. Potatoes about the same: Squashes all dead: beans ditto. Replant is the word. Ice formed a half inch thick in tubs &c. This was the hardest frost for the time of year ever known in this state. Fruit promised well but is all gone: even the oak & hickory leaves were affected.

1859 Diary

June. 16th light rain. 18th very dry; rain much needed. 25th great drought. 26th heavy storm rain in great abundance. This rain is wellcome & timely & its benefits cannot be estimated. 30th thunder & rain again.

July 12. Ther. 98 in shade. 14th heavy rain. 17th + 100 in shade excessively hot. 18th + 98 noon in shade. Commenced cutting rye which is a fair crop. 23d Commenced cutting wheat, which is a fair crop. The winter wheat this season was a total and entire failure killed by freezing & thawing in winter & spring. 24th weather cooler & very dry. The garden stuff will die soon without rain or water in some form. 26th sharp white frost. 30th shower of rain.

August. 6th Finished stacking grain. weather clear dry & warm. + 98 & 93. A severe drouth this month destroyed gardens & proved neary fatal to corn & potatoes & buckwheat. 28th A great Auroral display which continued during the entire night.

September. Begins with cool & windy weather. 9th A tornado accompanied with rain swept across this section, which in its track laid waste to trees grain stacks fences &c. rain too late to do much good.

AD
1859.

Diary

Sept. 10th Some frost in the night &
corn leaves potatoe tops &
sugar cane about used up.
17th finished cutting wild hay.
18th Thunder & rain in abundance
potatoes seem to be growing
again & shooting up new tops.
the cane also & grass manifest
signs of life. Cutting up corn.
18th rain. Ends with fine weather.

October. 7th rain & cool. 16th thunder
and rain. Ends with fine weather.

November 5th warm weather. 7th this
is election day throughout the
state. Republicans triumphant.
10th Snow light: the first of the
Season. 12 + 24. 13 + 20. 15th warm.
17th corn out. 23d Harrowed in some rye.
24th + 28. 25th rain. 27th Snow. light.
So ends the autumn of '59.
We have had, as a whole, a very
pleasant fall & good for work.

December begins with high wind.
& cold weather. 2d + 2. 3d — 2°.
4th + 24. threatens snow. weather dark.
Butchering all done. Sausage 60 lbs made.
soap made & mince pie meat
(25 lbs) prepared. but our stock of pro-
vision is the least that we have
ever had in this State. Times
remarkably dull & money tight.

(Date) Obs. of therm. in the morning twilight.

1859. Wyocena Columbia Co. Wisconsin.
Dec. 6th A little snow. Weather cold & windy.
Ther. −6°. 7th −10°. 8th −6°. 12th + 10 2[illegible]th + 10
18th 28th = 6 inches snow & turbulent weather.
18th first snow storm of the season.
24th −6°. 26th +12 noon = +34. warm.
& mild. 28th Light snow. 30th −6.
31st −24°. Cold & clear. & thus
ends the year of grace Eight-
teen hundred and fifty nine.
This day gave bond for deed Ann
Parks of this town for the N.W. qr
of S.W. qr of 26. & E ½ of S.E. qr.
of S.E. qr. of 27 60 acres by W.S.S.

1860

Jan 1st −18°. 2d −23°. 3d +12°. 4th −2°. 5th −12°.
6th +22°. 7th +32°. 8th +28°. 9th +22°. 11th
−8°. on the seventh had a snow storm.
14th fine moderate weather. Drawing
hay. 15th +28°. Thawing a little.
Thus far, in this month, the weather
has been good but at times ex-
tremely cold. 17th +8. Light snow.
20th +30. 23d +32. Fine mild &
thawing 25th +25°. 29th +28. fine
31st −8°. Weather cold & boistrous.
On the 29th at 10 A.M. Sunday.
Adoniram Sharp died & the
places that used to know him,
will know him no more forever.
He was a neighbor to us a very
kind inofencive man and a
firm believer in the doctrines
of Second Adventism. His
age was about sixty four. By
his request, the hymn begining
with "I would not live alway." was sung at

funeral.

1860. Journal.

February. Begins with the mercury at zero. Weather cold & but little snow left on the ground. the wind powerful. Sleighing has ben gone some time. 5th +32°. warm & snowing 7th +2. 8th Cold. Infant child of Charles Mayhew died aged 2 weeks. 10th −2 cold weather. 11th +18 12th +15. 13th +20. 16th −2. cold. Weather good. but very windy. this is the short & last month of winter and it is with much satisfaction we perceive its end approaching. In this State we have a republican Governor & State officers generally. In Congress, after more than six weeks struggle, a republican Speaker Mr Penning- of New Jersy and Mr Forney of Pensylvania clerk, were elected without having recourse to the Plurality rule. 17th +14°. 22d heavy Storm of rain. Snow mostly gone. great flood: many bridges & mill-dams carried away. 25th +15. cooler. latter part moderate, fine weather. Thus ends the winter of 60.

March. Begins with warm wether +40. 2d at night squally thunder & rain. 3d high wind. 4th Cow bet brought forth a male calf in the night. Ther. + 26.° sun rise The ground is perfectly bare of Snow. 5th Cow bet brought forth a spotted calf. 10th good weather. Williams & Dodge from york to exchange wheat.

1860. Journal on Shore.

March. 3d heavy gale from N. West. 12th + 20. Quite cool & winterish. 16th pleasant. 18th Sunday. warm & windy from the South with rain. Some farmers have commenced plowing There has been a long series of religious meetings held in the church by the Congregational Baptist & Methodist. 20th Light Snow, not sufficient to prevent plowing. 25th + 25. 26th + 16°. Snow & cold weather. It is commonly so frozen in the morning & most of the forenoon that plowing cannot be done. 28th. Went to Spring Vale. to Mr. John Leathermans, for oats. 29th Thursday plowed all day for the first time this Spring. Weather dry.

April 1st Cold again. + 28° Wind Easterly. The High School house, alias Cabinet. Shop alias Babtist & Methodist Church, Was this day dedicated, as its owners say, to the Service of Almighty God. Now God is served, through the Medium of his creatures, by applying the Christians Golden Rule to our conduct & conversation and shaping the whole tenor of our lives by the Eternal principle of Right giving to each & every one, even & exact Justice. God is worshiped, only, in Spirit & in truth. that is by nothing that is material, deceptive, or false. Thus according to Scripture, the Service of God & the worship of God are diverse & distinct the one from the other.

1860. Journal.

April 2d Ther. plus 24. cool for the season. Ice made during the night in exposed places. 6th Veders tavern, at Portage, took fire & burned to the ground. Brother Stillman from Adams Co. 7th Light thunder & rain. 9th + 34. 11th + 28. 12th Heavy gale from North West. and squalls of rain. 13th Commenced sowing Spring wheat. 14th + 26.° 15th finished sowing South field + 30. Much wind so far this month & coole weather. 15th + 80 noon. 18 + 26. — 20 + 78 noon. Strong wind. 21st C. L. Parker & J. Williams with Martin from York. Stayed over the Sabath. 22d mad dog at Bateses. 24 + 26 cold for the season. 25 + 30. 27 + 25.° Oats all sowed & harrowed in. 29th + 70 at noon. dry south wind. This month has been remarkable for cold dry windy weather; the dust blows in clouds & fills the air with its noisome blinding & pestilential particles.

May. 3d. Thunder, rain & a little hail. In Spring Vale, at one place, the hail was destructive. 4th violent gale of wind. 20th Weather cooler. Mer. + 45. At night, rain, lightning & thunder. 19th planted patatoes. 26th finished planting corn. A field of 7 acres. exclusive of one acre which is devoted to squashes mellons, early pattoes corn peas, &c. On Thursday 24th Seth A. Collage, one of the ealy setlers of this town, departed & passed the "bourn from whence none return". 28th Horses over the creek to pasture. 29th Thunder & rain at night.

1860. Journal.

June 2d Met the Sabbath School children
at the new church for the purpose of
teaching them to sing. We have in-
troduced a new book called the Sabath
School bell. At night thunder & rain.
16th Corn growing finely. 21st Pick-
nick at Pardeville of all the Schools
in town. Weather dry & hot.
25th rain. 28th plenty of rain.

July 2d Rain & warm weather. 3d do.
4th fine weather. Celebration at
Pardeville. Thus far we have had
a fine growing season with plenty of
10th rain and the crops look well and bid
sowed fair to yeild an abundent harvest.
buckwheat 7th Rain. 8th Cooler wind North West.
16th Cutting rye. 18th hevy rain.
22d Cool nights. 25th rain. Latter
part fair weather, harvesting fairly
commenced in wheat & oats.

Aug. 2d Rain. Harvesting of wheat in
full blast; yeild of crop heavy, hands
scarce & wages high from one to two
dollars per day. 6th rain at night.
7th finished cutting wheat. Had to
leave the harvest field on account
of inflamed eyes & horibly sore finger.
11th fine weather. 14th finished Stacking.
From the 4th to the 11th The baby Willie
Sumner was very sick with teething and
a very bad diarrhea. For four nights he
moaned almost constantly with pain but
now 16th he is about well again. We gave
him a little perigoric, with good effect.

1860. Journale on Shore.

August 27th. Commenced haying on the marsh. 30th rainy. Drawing & stacking hay. The season thus far has been remarkable for rainy weather. heay crops & scarsity of hands. Wages from one dollar to two dollars pr day.

Sept. Fine weather. Drawing hay. 2d rain 3d fair. 6th rainy heavy Storm. 11th Frost. 17th clear & warm. 20th rain & squalls. 27th fine. 29th rainy. This has been a wet & boistrous month. During the Storm of the sixth & seventh. The Steamer Lady Elgin was lost between Chicago & Millwaukee, and nearly (400) four hundred, many of them citizens of Millwaukee who were on a pleasure excursion, perished in the Lake. She was a splendid boat of a thousand tuns burden, about ten years old. She was run into by a schooner. that was standing on the larboard tack during the North East gale. This was the boat on which we sailed from from Millwaukee to Buffalo in June 1854. we had a pleasant pass.

Oct. 3d Heavy rain & thunder. 7th raining and baffleing squally weather till about the 20th after that the weather was fine till the end of the month.

Thermometrical observations made immediately after daylight unless otherwise expressed.

1860. Journal on Shore.

Nov. 4th + 30. 6th + 24. cold & rainy. General Election for President of U.S. & for county officers & State Senators & representatives. 7th + 22. fine & cool. Our potatoes turnips &c are all secure some time ago. Wheat is 66 pr bushel. rye 25. corn 25. 11th + 32, white frost, latter part fine. 17th Warm weather. 18th growing cooler. 22d + 24. 23d + 18° Snow Storm. 24th − 8° wind N. West. cold & Snow drifting bad. 25th − 3° 26th + 16° 27th + 4. 29th + 30. warmer. this was a very sudden & remarkably cold spell: taking all by surprise & in some cases freezing potatoes in the cellars.

Dec. 2d + 14° Weather fair but cool, wheeling excellent. Winter has come. 8th Warm weather + 34. 9th Snow. 12th + 10. 14 − 2. 15 + 8. 16th + 22. 18 19th rain. 20th + 26. Snow all gone & but little ice as the rain continued long enough to wash every thing nearly clear of Snow. 22d Zero. 23d − 2° The weather is fine and clear tho' cool. Moon large evenings bright & beautiful. Christ Mass is coming; the School is vacated for a week. It is a time of general health in this reagion: Wheat has been selling for fifty cents per bushel but is now advancing in price. corn 25 ryse 26. potatoes 12 cents.

1860 Journal.

December. 28th. Snow. 29th. Mercury at zero at sunrise. This was a very unpleasant day being windy from the south & cloudy & cold. 30th. Ther. − 10°. Cold but pleasant being clear and but little wind. Last Sabbath of this year being the fifty third a phenomenon which does not often occur. Thus ends 1860.

1861. January 1st. +20°. 2d. +22°. fair winter weather. 4th. Cooler. −4°. a very cold & turbulent day. 6th. First Sunday in the new year. at sunrise Ther. +20. p.m. light rain freezing as it falls. wind easterly. Mr. Barton the Congregational minister, to day, delivered the first of a series of discourses, based on this question. Does the Bible sanction the system of American Slavery? He proved that the Negro belonged to the race of man, the genus homo: and therefore was possessed of natural rights. Also that he was weak & defenceless & therefore needed assistance & protection. Also that he was ignorant & hence needed instruction.

1861. Journal.

Jan. 8th. + 14. 9th. − 6. 12th. + 16. 15th. deep snow. 18th. snow storm. 20th. Zero. 21st. Mr Charles Mayhew, who hade been sick for about 10 days, died this morning at about 6 oclock. funeral 22d. Zero. 24th. snow. 25th. − 4. 26th. light snow. the snow is about one foot deep. 31st. Ther. −15° lowest this season so far. Thus ends dreary Jan.

Feb. 1st. + 10. snowing. 5th. + 20. on the 7th. thursday Ther. −10 sunrise & continued below Zero all day, making it the coldest day of the season thus far. 8th. − 8. 9th. + 25. at noon + 44. 10th. + 42 warm and begins to rain. Continued raining till the morning of monday 11th. producing a great thaw. 12th. pleasant. 14th. 15th. & 16th. mer. about + 28. & snowing most of the time but not cold. I have an attack of the inflamitory rheumatism, helpless for four days. 21st. + 20 fine weather. 24th. + 20. commenced work after laying by for two weeks. 26th. + 40 thawing. 28th. Deborah & two children went to York. Dane Co. thus ends the short month of February. Jan. 31st. mercury lowest, at daylight, this winter was −15. Feb. 7th. coldest day altho the mer. stood only at 10 below at day light, but it continued all day below zero.

1861. Journal.

Mar. 1st Thawing. 4th + 24. 8th + 30.
13th + 48. at noon. warm weather.
17th + 6. cold weather & windy. 18th + 7.
19th Snowing some to day; i returned
from York taking the mule from
Columbus. for Mr. Gibbs.
21st + 15. wind variable changing
suddenly. (19th Josephine came
up to visit. 8th Deborah came
home from York.) Husking
corn & find it slow business.
26th Snow storm. 28th + 30. Latter
part Windy Stormy weather.

April. 1st Snow Storm again.
5th rainy. 6th & 7th do. 9th rain.
rain & wind continually with but
little intermission. 13th finished
husking corn with Hubert Parmenters help.
14th Sunday fineweather Ther. 32. + °Farhen.
Abraham Lincoln of Illinois. President.
Jeff. Davis of Mississippi President of
the Southern Confederacy organised to
resist the General Government.
This is the year of Secession.
13th Fort Sumpter in Charleston harbor
was this day Surrendered to the rebels after
a short bombardment. 5 men wounded
one mortally. The traitors have thus begun
a civil war. 16th + 21 hard freeze. 21st warm.
14th + 32. frost. 16th + 21 cold weather. 21. warm.
26th Commenced sowing wheat. 27th + 46°.
weather rainy. Great preparations for
war by every State in the Union.

May. 3d rain. 5th rain & heavy gale from the E. S. E. 7th + 40. 11th finished sowing wheat in the field. 16th sowing wheat in the garden. 19th heavy rain storm. 22d flag raising and great war meeting in Wyocena. On the 9th day of this month, early in the morning, after a restleſs & distreſsed night, we had a fit which seemed to be of the apoplectic kind. It begun, on rising from the bed, with a distreſsing sensation as if the whole system had been in the grasp of some horible malady, growing worse rapidly & terminating in complete prostration of strength, rigidity of muscle, eyes set with an unearthly glare, countenance ashly pale. It continued perhaps fifteen or twenty minuts & terminated by returning conciousneſs & great feebleneſs & langour. 26th night rain & thunder. + 67. — 29th planting corn. Some rainy & thus ends the pleasant month of May.

June. 2d Sunday heavy squalls of wind & rain from the N. West. 4th rain storm from the East. 5th Went to Portage City. 12th Great War meeting at Rio. Co. County 16th Warm & dry: crops want rain. 19th Rain. 22d Sowed buck-wheat. Heat & dry during the remainder of the month.

1861. Journal.

Chs Elsworth.

July 1st & 2d hot 4th Wellcome rain.
6th rain. 10th heavy rain. 17th
rain: cutting rye. 24th cooler.
29th A male child was born at 8 A M.

Aug. 1st Commenced wheat harvest.
Weather extremely hot. Ther. + 96.
2d + 98. 3d + 96. 5th & 6th a little cooler
in the night. 7th & 8th rain. During
the hotest weather the mercury was
nearly up to a hundred faren-
heat, in the shade. It was im-
pos. to remain in the open field
more than a few hours.
It has been sickly in the
Village & several children
have died of dysentary.
18th Light rain 28th dry, very.
20th Georgia Anna had the measels.

Sept. 1st Rain. 2d thunder & rain.
8th Sunday. Weather cool. We
fear a frost. Forty five-five
years ago we were born, if the
reckord is correct. In West
Tisbury Dukes Co. Massachusetts.
10th Measles ca^me^mto & went through
the family with one exception.
20th rain. 24th cloudy: first frost.
29th Hard frost. thus ends Sept. 61.

Journal.

1861.

Oct. 6th Clear. 9th rye sowed. 10th rain. To 20th fine weather. 21st Mrs. Mayhew married to Mr. Pomeroy of Dane Co. & moved on 22d. 17th Stillman moved in from Adams Co. 26th + 35. fine weather most of the time & thus ends the 9th month of 61.

Nov. 6th finished husking corn & cleared the field for pasturage. weather fine. 9th went to York Dane Co. Mrs. Williams is not expected to live. 11th returned home. 13th + 20°. 16th + 17 hard white frost. 19th hard gale & rain from South East. first rain for a long time. 23d Snow Storm + 20. 24th + 25° weather moderating. 26th snow. 27th + 10. 30th − 3. snow. 29th moved grainery weather cold.

Dec. 1st + 3°. 3d − 8. coldest so far this season. 4th + 20 warmer. 6th rain 7th do. snow gone. 9th noon + 58° hot weather. Thunder about this time. 12th thrashed. 100 wheat 75 rye 14 oats 21 buckwheat. 14th fine weather ground entirely bare of snow. 19th warm + 40. 20th Zero. clear weather. 22d snow. 23d + 8. 27th Zero. and thus ends the eventful year of 1861.

1862. Journal. 1862

Jan 1st + 10°. cold weather wind to the west. Went to Edwin Spears with whole family say five children. 3rd Snow. 8th Snow. 13th Monday. Clear & cold. Ther. 28 below zero at sunrise or a little before. 17th 18th & 19th light falls of snow weather moderate. mer. + 10 to 20. water drops from eaves of house. wind light from N. E. Our family & neighbour-hood in good health. Rio & Lowville afflicted with measles. Sleighing passable on the roads. 22d Went to York. 24th Returned. 26th — 5. 28th Snow. 29th + 2. 30th 15. Thus ends the first month of 1862.

Feb. Begins with cold weather. 1st — 18°. 2d — 18. 7th Zero. The snow is now about two feet deep. 9th — 8. 14th — 22°. 15th — 15. 16th Sunday — 8°. Wind South and weather somewhat moderated. (On the 10th of this month, in the evening snow falling at the time (11 p.m.) Stillman returned from his visit with family & wifes mother.) 21st light snow. 23d light thaw. + 25. sunrise. 27th Zero. thus ends 2d. month, good sleighing throughout & not very cold weather. Snow too deep for travling in the woods.

1862. Journal.

March. 2d. Snow storm at noon. 9th + 38. Thunder & rain in the night. 10th + 28. 10th + 28 12th Snow. 18th Thaw. finished drawing hay which should have been drawn at the first sleighing. The sleighing is about done, having continued about two months which is the longest period known to the oldest settlers. We have cheering news from our victorious armies: they seem to sweep secesh nearer the gulf of Mexico & we hope, also, the gulf of perdition, or the valley of repentance. We have good news, also, from the fleet, they seem to be doing good service under the old flag. 12th Snow, 18th Thawing. Drawed hay from marsh. Sleighing about done. 23d thawing. Wagons out on the roads. 24th + 15. 28th Rain. 31st fine. Thus ends the 4th & long month of March.

April. 2d. Rain. 4th do. 7th Quite a Snowstorm. 12th Rain. C. Spear. com. Sowing wheat. 14th calf. Rosy heifer. 20th Sunday. Fine weather. White frost in the night of 23d. hard freeze. 27th. Calf (ginney cow.) This is one of the late seasons. So ends the 4th month of 62.

May. 1st. Rain storm. Two families of movers named. Morey & Smith. stoped here two nights and one day throug the storm. 4th Colt (ginney mare) 7th hot weather +80 noon. finished sowing wheat. 10th + 90 noon. 14th ginney horse. 16th Thunder rain. 17th rain 18th do. 20th +24 frost. 21st rain hard.

1862: Journal.

May 25th Cool for the Season. 29th thunder. in the night with heavy storm of rain. Our folks were gone to Mr. Seevers. 31st rain. finished working road tax. finished planting corn on the 27th. thus ends May.

June 1st. Fine weather. 6th finished planting mellons, pumpkins, beans squashes &c. Sunday 8th hot weather & dusty: corn up in the rows plain to see. 14th Rain. 16th rain thunder &c. 19th cool or light frost, mer. at 37+. 22d Sunday. Sabbath school at 9½ a.m. immediately after, services in the congregational & union (methodist & baptist) churches. thin audiance in both places. Sectarianism has reared up two houses of worship and three weak societies and brought them all in debt. Piety is of secondary consideration. Outsiders have abundant oppertunity to attend meetings & excuse for paying nothing for their support. Indeed their appears to be a strong competition, among the different Sects, for the thankless privilage of furnishing an ingrate publick, with the means of grace, free of cost. These are some of the melancholy consequences of Sectarianism. The glorious gospel of 'peace on earth & good will to men" cannot run; ism is in the way: it cannot have 'free course' ism obstructs its passage: it can't be glorified' because ism must have all the glory.

1862 Journal.

June 27th Cloudy. Picknic of three schools at the red School-house dist. No 2. towards night rain, spells with thunder. 28th sowed buckwheat; weather hot.

July 1st hot weather. 4th cloudy. 5th hot & dry 6th hot +94 at noon. Doings, on the Nations birth-day, were had at many points in the State. The Wyocena Cornet Band went to Wapun. They were to receive fifty dollars & all expences paid. 7th Rain. 15th dry. 18th rain thunder &c. all night; water in great abundance. 20th Sunday. This day, the funeral services of Saml. O. Leonard & Marcus Putman, (the former a member of the band, died in St. Louis, the latter a soldier, died in Tenesee) were performed in church. Elder Bartt preached the sermon. The house was full & many were in wagons out side. 21st Heavy rain. 22d Rye all cut about 5 acres. 23d &c. hoeing corn. 28th Commenced cutting wheat. Thus ends the 7th month 62.

Aug 3d Sunday. Light rain 7th rain. 10th rain. ~~16th Thunder & rain.~~ 16th commence Stacking. 20th Finished Stacking at Scotts, having previously finished our own & Elder Woods. 21st rain light. 22d com. haying on the Marsh; weather in the p.m. fine. drawed some hay home.

1862. Journal. in

Sept. 30th. This, has been, a rainy month. Much hay down & exposed to the weather. On the 26th. last day of the fair, Sold horse Nero, for Ninety dollars, & used the money in paying debts. This month ends with rain & not much wind.

Oct. 1st. Rain. 4th. Fair. 7th. Hard Storm. 10th. Cooler nights. 12th. Fair. 15th. + 25. 22d. high wind. 24th. + 21. 25th. light Snow. & a cold snap. 26th. + 20. 30th. fine weather. Potatoes 25cts. corn 38. rye 60. wheat 80. Our potatoes were secured in the cellar about the middle of this month, corn was cut & shocked up in Sept.

Nov. Begins with high winds. Plowing for rye. 4th. General State & County Election. Weather moderate wind South. 6th. light Snow. 7th. Sowing rye. 12th. rain. 16th. rain. 14th. Williams & Jesse from York. went to Portage. 20th. Threshed wheat &c. 108 wheat. 50 rye. 22 buckwheat. 60 oats. 27th. Thursday. Thanksgiving day appointed by the Governor. Light Snow. 28th. + 25. 29th. 4 inches of Snow. wind light from North.

Dec. Begins with cool weather. 12th. Rain in the afternoon & night. 14th. light rain; wind veering to the N. West, from South. Ground clear of Snow. About the first, traded with Wm. Salsbury, for oxen &c. 20th. Light Snow. 23d. in the night, light steady rain for 7 hours. 25th. + 40. Remarkable warm weather.

Wyocena Wisconsin 1862 Dec.

December 28th Fine warm weather: thawing by day & freezing by night. Attended a universalist meeting. In the afternoon heard a sermon on the text "Judge not that ye be not judged" &c. In the evening on the meaning of the words ever & everlasting eternal & endless. In Scripture endless or some word equivalent, is used to express unending existence while the others are used to declare a limited period of time be it longer or shorter. "Truth crushed to earth will rise again, The eternal years of God are hers. While error wounded, writhes in pain, And dies amid her worshipers." "Keep silence all created things, and wait your makers nod. My soul stands trembling while she sings, The honors of her God". Fiat. Fiat.

Monday 29th Deborah went to York with Mr Spear, returned on the 30th bringing word that John Williams was nearly dead from the effects of a fall. 31st I went down there arriving at dark. Thus ends the year of '62 a year, unequaled in the annals of our country, by war, bloodshed, & carnage. The rebels still unyeilding & defyant.

Jan. 2d Moderate rain. Williams is better. 5th Light snow. 7th roads in a bad condition. 10th Returned home. 11th Sun. Quarterly meeting of Methodists. Wether pleasant wind light. 15th & 16 rain. 18th zero. thence fine 20th snow. ends with fine weather & good wagoning. wheat 1.12 highest. corn rye & potatoes 50. Thus far this has been a mild winter with frequent rains. finished husking.

A.D. 1883. Journal. Florence

February 1st. Strong gales from N. West & cold weather. Good sleighing on the roads 2nd — 10°. 3d — 1°. 9th snow. 14th Thunder & rain. 17th Thaw. 23d. 1°. Some snow left on the ground. Drawing hay from marsh. 25th Universalist Festival, held in Florence. In addition to a great abundance of other good things, oysters were furnished fresh & pure & all for one dollar each. Dancing was substituted for kissing & cost half dollar a pair. Mr. Crawford was on hand at the supper & said Grace like any other minister. It was well conceived & sustained all through & may be set down as the best entertainment of the kind ever had in the place. Quietude & decorum obtained throughout. Every one seemed to possess themselves in peace. There were no peculiar & inexplicable theological dogmas handed down from the dark ages to mar the present joy. There was was no saintly aristocracy to mourn over (or who ought to mourn over) the doomed sinners who must necessarily feel ill at ease in the presence of their self styled superiors. Man as man must stand or fall on his own merits & cannot be good or go to heaven by proxy. In the light of the laws of God & all just laws of earth men are equal & equally bound to obedience & to penalty; coming [illegible] the same source & amenable [illegible] the [illegible] 28th rain & mud. Thus [illegible]

Columbia Co. Wisconsin. 1863.

1863.

March 1st. Begins [illegible] with light snow. Before night snow about all gone. weather clear & warm. [illegible] pretty numerous. Ther. +42. 3d. +10. 4th. [illegible] 7th. Law suit. Dist No 1. versus James Austin. [illegible] +12. 12th. Miss Douglas & Miss Williams [illegible] visit. 19th. Went home. 20th. Storm of snow from the Easternboard. 22d. Thawing. wind [illegible] & muddy +40. 25th. Child Otis Elmer [illegible] sick. 28th. Debirah sick with a complicated disease being a mixture of billious fever, fever & ague: and inflamitory rheumatism. 30th. fine Weather.

April 1st. Strong wind from South. 14th. fine & warm. 20th. Rain. Sowing wheat. 28th. fine. 29th. finished sowing wheat. 30th. fast day for the Nation: services in the new church.

May 1st. Ther. +80. warm weather. 7th. light frost. 30th. finished planting corn. Some of the first planting is up finely This month has been noted for rain, ten storms of rain thunder & lightning having occured during the month. Sunday 31st. last day heavy rain squalls & thunder.

June 6th. +50 11th. light rain. 13th. 14th. & 15th. +95 21st light rain. 26th. +85. (19th. Debirah went to York with C. Spear. 23d. returned.) very dry. 28th. Sunday +95. 29th. yesterday & to day plenty of rain: some thunder. So ends 6th. month.

July 12th. Ther 50 at Sunset. frost in the night which, in some cases, destroyed corn. 19th. rain. 24th. rain. Martin went away on the prairie with Mr. C. Spear to drive reaper.

A. D. 1865. Journal. Wyocena.

July 28th. Rain. Went to Portage, to see a menagery & saw the elephant. About 4000 people were present. 29th & 30th. rain. So ends the burning month.

August 6th. Williams & Jane from York. Isabella Douglass Married to — Slatter July 26th. 8th. rain. 15th. hot. 16th. + 97 shade noon. 18th. finished stacking wheat & rye. 23d. rain. Just some have commenced threshing wheat, rye &c. Light frosts in some places.

Sept. 1st. Went to Beaver Dam. to attende the Grande Lodge of I. O. G. T. Returned Thursday 3d. Weather cloudy but no raine. 2d. Frost hard enough to kille vines &c. 14th. Windy. 17th. Rain. 18th. Deboragh went to York. Josephene being very sick. Elira Spear went along to stay a while & do the work. + 23. Weather warm & sultry. 26th. Worked for the week past in much distreſs having inflamation of the eyes & and a low dulle fever. 27th. gave up work altogether being in great distreſs & very sick. 16th. J. Stewart from Oconomowoc. Stillman T. Manton. left for Minn. about the last Sat. in Aug. with his family.

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Oct. 14th + 20. Cooler. 16th Threshed. The neighbors kindly aſsisting. To hire laborers now is nearly impoſsible. 22d. The Good Templars dug our potatoes & put them in the cellar. 23d + 32. Weather fine.

Nov. Weather, for the most part, good. 27th + 5. Cooler. The fever went off in about two weeks but the inflamation continues down to the present date, tho considerably abated. I can now read & write a little.

Dec. 13th. Hard snow storm & high wind from the N. East. 15th Mer. at Zero. 17th Snow again 26th Saturday. Weather moderate. Thawing a little. 27th Snowing a little & cloudy & cooler. Wheat is $1.05. rye 82. corn 50 pr. bush. Sleighing is tolerable. A great fremasion Christmaſs Supper & ball in the new town hall on Christmaſs night. 30th Mercury at zero. weather fine. 31st begins to snow, wind N. West. Children went to school, it being Thursday the last school day in the year, but the storm was hard & continued through the night. The wind blew a hard gale & the snow drove with great fury. Thus ends another year of war for Union & Liberty.

28th Thawing Mer + 40 noon

A.D. 1864 Journal. Wyocena

Jan. 1st Friday. Storm continues.
Mer. at 30 deg. below zero. being 62
below the freezing point. This is the
coldest weather that has been exhibited
during my residence, thus far, in
this State. Neither man or team
was seen on the roads during the day.
The snow-banks over top the fences,
& it is nearly two feet deep on a level.
From Monday noon Dec. 28th to Friday
morning Jan 1st the Mercury fell the
distance of (70) seventy degrees. This,
it seems to me, is changing climate
to fast for health or comfort.
Sunday 3d — 10° warmer. Noon, at zero.
13th + 22. 17th Sunday + 25. moderate.
23d + 40 Thawing. 28th Thursday. Thawing
Finished drawing hay from the marsh.
This day at night. Lightning thunder —
hail & snow. 31st Sun. + 30. Snowing
Thus ends the first month of Sixty four.

February. 1st Snow. + 30 10th + 10
16th — 15 17th — 20 cold weather.
23d Tuesday P. E. Spear married
to Jesse Seaver of Dane.
24th light rain. 29th + 8°.

March 4th Sleighing gone. A long run
it has been. 9th light snow + 36. on
the first there was a masked ball. 10th
a universalist festival in town.

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March 9th Snow. 15th + 16 : 17th Thursday
Deborah went to York with O. Spear.
18th + 19 Snow. 19th Severe cold weather.
19th — 2°. Cold weather for the season.
28th & 29th rain storm from the
N. East which takes off some of
winter snow. If the winter
snow goes off without rain
it is a sign that the following
summer will be dry & unfruitful.
If the winter snow in whole or
in part goes off with rain it
a sign of a prosperous season.

April 16th Weather fair. For some
two or three weeks the weather has
been cloudy with occasional
showers of rain snow & hail.
28th + 30 ice ½ inch. thick : cold.
30th John Williams & Josephine
from York Dane Co. with the intention of staying the summer.

May 4th Finished sowing wheat.
5th heavy rain. 22d + 9th Sounds
May without rain : dry indeed.

June 1st. Wednesday. Deborah
& the the youngest child Otis
Elsworth. Started for the Vineyard Mass. at 11 A.M. from Pardeville on the express train. 10th
No rain. Light frost. very dry &
hot weather.

A. D. 1864. Journal Wyocena

June 11th Warm & dry the grain is suffering extremely for rain. The Locusts are out this year, in great numbers & their monotonous song is heard all the livelong day. There was a thunder shower to the north within hearing distance also to the North East. The prospect now is gloomy enough.

11th. Thunder showers 26th. Plenty of rain, the first of any note for 52 days. Crops are much injured, but may recover in part.

July 1st Rain. 6th rain. 8th cut rye. 14th Cool nights. 16th Debrah & the child returned safe, after a ten days passage. having been absent over six weeks.

Columbia Co. Wisconsin
1864

July 23d. Stacked rye.
weather warm & drye.
my eyes are worse. 29th + 98.

August 4th Stacked wheat. The
straw was so short so we
cradled in a with rathes, let
it dry one day then raked and
cocked it the same english hay
Weather warm & dry. corn &
potatoes look bad. + 90.
10th. Very warm. + 100° at 4 pm.

Sept. 1st. Dry weather continues.
4th. Sunday light rain. 24th
& 29th. Rain. dry month.

Oct. 8th. Frost with wind & cold.
10th. + 32. Williams returned.
17th. Snow. 19th. Williams departed
with daughter for New Orleans.
25th. Rain sends 11th. Month.

Nov. 8th. Election day. rainy.
9th. Snow & hard gale from the
North. 13th. cold weather. + 12.
Houses banked up & winter expected.
20th. Snow. 21 + 20. 22. Zero.
25th. Rain.

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Dec. 4th Snow. 6th + 20. 8th — 20°.
9th — 20. Cold weather. 10th + 10.
11th Sunday Snow. 17th Stanly &
Hibner drawing hay from marsh.
25th Sunday. snow warm + 45°.
Something of a thaw. Christmas
28th Snow. 31st + 10°. So ends
another year of war against the in-
surgents. & with great success. also
a year of very short crops. occasioned
by dearth & the ravages of the chins-bug.
My eyes are still diseased & as bad as
they were one year ago: great misfortune.
our stock is reduced by the sale of one
hog. one pr oxen. two cows one steer & by
butchering one hog one sheep one steer. The
weather is good for this time of year.

1865
Jan 1st Sunday Weather fine mer + 2.
thirty-two degrees warmer than last
new years day. 2d + 10. 8th dry
weather continues fine + 10.
10th fine. 17th Zero. — 18th — 12th.
20th + 12. 22d Snow. 24th Zero.
25th — 11. last more moderate.

Feb. 2d Rain. 5th + 5. 15th light snow.
Sleighing poor. 19th Sunday Thawing.
The winter, thus far, has been steady
& mild. Coldest in December.
21st rain all day. Latter part
pleasant. So ends short Feb.

1865. Journal. Wyocena.

March 1st Spring. 3d Zero.
10th – 5. 14th Rainy & warm. 19th
Rain. great thaw & freshet. Mill
dams broken. windy & stormy.
month of march farewell.

April 6th Rain. 8th + 17° clear
& Cold. 11th cloudy & rainy.
some have sown a little wheat.
19th Rain. 21st Snow 6 inches deep.
22d + 30. 23d + 34. 26th went
to Portage City and shiped
as bargeman onboard the steam
tug L. W. Barden bound down
the Fox river to Oshkosh &c.
The soft water, change of diet
& climate, seemed to benefit
my eyes but the long continued
labor, from 16 to 18 hours per day
May
together with the exposure was
to hard for me & so I left may
18th & came home. Wednesday

May 24th 11 a.m. left for Milwaukee
business on the lakes very dull.
many vessels laid up. returned
Thursday at 2 a.m. home again.
weather very dry corn just up.
to day which is the last day of May.
It looks now like another dry season
I almost wish I had stayed onboard
the steamboat for one might as
well die there as here.

A. D. 1865. Journal.

June 5th Monday Geo. Hill started for Iowa 6th Rain & thunder. 9th Heavy rain. 24th Light Rain 25th — Cool & Cloudy. so ends the 6th month.

July 4th Some rain Debrah gone to Bristol Dane Co. Went with — Halina Coopman on the 3d (yesterday. 6th Rain. 14th rain. 21st do.

Aug. 5th Heavy rain. 6th fine. Rye cut two weeks ago. Wheat in these parts mostly in shock Corn looks fine, potatoes splendid.

Sept. 3d Hot day 4th Rain 12th Light rain. 29th Rain. 30th Threshed wheat. This month for the most part fine weather.

Oct. 2d First frost of the season. & a light white one at that. 9th rain. 22d Had some high winds some days & cloudy weather. No black frost yet. 23d 24th 25th & 26th Rain every day 27th & 28th Snow about 6 inches deep, 29th plus 20 weather clear, so ends Oct.

Nov. 1st Rain. Snow soon gone. Went down to Bristol for Georgia. 5th + 20°. Weather good through this month. No frost to prevent plowing corn husking & all other farm work

A.D. 1865 — 6 Journal.

December 3d rain light. 11th + 14. Ground froze up. 13th — 2. 14th 10. Cold piercing wind, ground bare of snow & very dry. Wells drying up & frost entering the cellars. 17th cloudy & some moderated. 20th Snow 4 inches. So ends 65.

Jan. Fine weather the first of this month & last of Dec. frosty but little snow. Good for chopping & teaming & all other work. The holly days passed off finely. A Big ball & supper in town on Christmass eve. Every body talks about the fine weather. 12th mer. at + 6. The Rail Road has done an immense business the past Autumn, running, on some days, sixty cars loaded with wheat from Lacross to Milwaukee. each car containing 4 four hundred bushels. thus making 24000 bushels per day: the people at tide water aught to have flour enough for the present at least. So mote it be. Jan. 3d signs of snow in the morning but clear p.m.

A.D. 1866. Journal. on Shore.

January 1st. Fine weather & but little snow; no sleighing on the roads. Ther. at or about Zero for several days. This day we heard the funeral discourse of Ann Spear, who died Oct. 8th, 1865. Her father Edwin Spear, died April 24, 65. 1st Thesalonians 4th 13th Text. We would not have you ignorant &c. 9th Thawing. Snow 11 do 13th do. 14th — 8. 16th — 5. 17th Zero. 21 — 10. 24 fine weather So ends the first mo.

Feb. 4th Ther. at Zero clear & fine 3d Ther at — 5. 14th Snow. 15th — 21°. coldest day so far this winter. A Good Templars convention was appointed for to day but the cold & stormy weather prevented the assembling of the the delegates from other Lodges in the county. 21st + 40 misty & warm. 23d Snow. 24th + 8 26th fine weather mer at Zero.

Mar. 1st Thaw. + 50. 3d + 20. Snow 17th + 2. Very Cold weather for March. 21st + 20. 25th + 10°. Ends windy & muddy.

Wyocena Columbia Co. Wis.
1860.

April 1st. Begins with signs of rain last part heavy rain storm (East) accompanied with thunder hard & constant lightning 2d. continued storming producing a great flood or freshet which swept away nearly all of the bridges & one of the mill-dams, the depth & volume of water that fell, was immense. The rail road suffered severely. 3d. Town meeting day. Ourself elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. The past winter there has been much sickness in this reagion among some families & a number have died. There is some sickness now mostly lung diseases but no deaths recently. In a certain part of Lowville they are having the smalle pox: a hundrede have been exposed. 15th. sowing wheat. 19th. rain.

May 1st. Snow light on green grass.
9th. finished sowing. continues dry.
27th. rain. Slight frost + 32.
28th. planting sugar cane & corn.

June 1st. Heat & dry weather.